



# Niepoort Riesling Dócil 2019

Riesling is one of the world's great white grape varieties. Since 2003 we have been cultivating this variety in the Douro Valley, with our inspiration being the Mosel region, where Riesling reaches its full potential and creates incredibly light wines of razor-sharp precision and perfect balance between sugar and acidity. The "Au Au" Riesling (with its onomatopoeic name referring to a dog's bark) is much like the animal: loyal and with its own individual character.

## VINIFICATION

The 2019 viticultural year was marked by dry weather. Spring began with high temperatures, which subsequently dropped and remained low during the entire summer. Some rainfall occurred at just the right point of the vines' growth phase, and flowering took place in excellent weather conditions, leading to medium to high yields with healthy berries. The mild days and cool nights of the month of August allowed the fruit to ripen slowly and harmoniously.

Harvesting began on 8 August, starting off with Pinot Noir, followed by the Bastardo grapes and the white varieties in the Murça area. The peak harvesting period took place during the week of 8 - 15 September, with the harvest ending on 1 October with the red grape varieties from the high-lying vineyard sites.

We consider 2019 to be an exceptional vintage for the "DO Douro" appellation, with a perfect balance between the natural acidity and sugar levels of the musts. This will result in white wines of great purity and superbly balanced red wines with excellent ageing potential. After being transported chilled to the Quinta de Nápoles, they were sorted meticulously before being pressed gently without any maceration time. The juice was left to cold-settle for approximately 48 hours, then was racked into stainless steel tanks where it fermented at low temperatures in order to preserve the aromatic intensity.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Riesling conveys the grape variety's aromatic character beautifully, with citrusy notes and stone fruit on the nose. Deeply mineral and fresh, the wine's palate shows excellent balance. The sweetness and acidity are the key for this balance, lending the wine a fresh and lively character while showcasing its harmonious and elegant nature. The wine concludes on a long and mouth-watering finish.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

PRODUCER	Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A	REGION	Douro	SOIL TYPE	Shist	VINEYARDS	Right Bank of the Douro river		
AVERAGE VINE AGE	20 Years	GRAPE VARIETIES	Riesling	VINES PER HA	4500	PRUNING METHOD	Royat	ALTITUDE (M)	750
HARVEST PERIOD	August and september	HARVEST METHOD	Hand Picked	MALOLACTIC	No	FERMENTATION	In stainless steel vats		
BOTTLED	February 2020	AGEING	4 months in stainless steel vats	RESIDUAL SUGAR (G/DM <sup>3</sup> )	31	ALCOHOL (%)	9.2	PH	2.91
TOTAL ACIDITY (G/DM <sup>3</sup> )	8.35	VOLATILE ACIDITY (G/DM <sup>3</sup> )	0.24	FREE SO <sub>2</sub> AT BOTTLING (MG/DM <sup>3</sup> )	54	TOTAL SO <sub>2</sub> (MG/DM <sup>3</sup> )	154		
PRODUCTION	1800 Bottles	ALLERGENS	Sulfite						
FOOD SUGGESTIONS	Sushi, salads and vegetarian dishes. An ideal way to end off a meal!	SUITABLE FOR VEGANS & VEGETARIANS	yes						

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BOTTLE

BOX

PALLET

