



Niepoort 'Batuta 2005

Batuta is not made every year and this is the sixth year that Batuta has been produced. It is a wine of extremes; the tannins are present yet fine and elegant. North facing very old vineyards from Quinta do Carril are the main source for Batuta, but also older vines (about 100 years old) near Quinta de Nápoles are included. Batuta results from very delicate vinification system where the alcoholic maceration is led to the extreme and all details are taken into account in order to obtain this very complex fine and elegant wine.

Tasting Notes

Intense colour and aroma with great complexity, black and red fruit aromas, intense earthy and spicy notes of black and green pepper, very elegant with balsamic and mineral notes along with tobacco aromas, ends with subtle coffee, moka and toasty aromas. Very tight and precise in the palate, with intense fruit and impressive minerality. Fine and seductive tannic structure, balanced with good freshness. Everything linked to long lasting ending, with great aftertasting, for a long life in bottle.

Vinification

The harvest occurred in the first half of September. After rigorous selection both in vineyard and in winery, all the grapes were destemmed. The natural fermentation occurred in stainless steel conic vats, with total skin contact of 30 to 60 days. The wine passed directly into French oak barrels before the malolactic fermentation, and stayed in ageing process of 20 months.

Technical Information

Product . Niepoort Batuta 2005
Produced . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.
Region . Douro
Year . 2005
Soil Type . Schist
Vines . Quinta do Carril and other old vineyards
Average Vine Age . 70 years and over 100 years
Cast Varieties . Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional and others

Vines per Ha . 6000
Pruning System . Double Guyot and Royat
Alt. from Sea Level . 350 m | 750 m
Harvest Period . September
Way of Harvest . Hand picked
Malolactic . Casks
Fermentation . Stainless steel lagars
Bottled . August 2007

Ageing . 20 month in french oak casks (228l)
Dry Extract . 29.4 g/dm³
Alcohol . 13.89 % vol
Total Acidity . 4.90 g/dm³ Tartaric Acid
Volatile acidity . 0.59 g/dm³ Acetic Acid
Ph . 3.75
SO₂ free wad . 32 mg/dm³
Production . 8350 Bottles

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