



Niepoort 'Tiara 2009

The grapes for Tiara 2009 come from very old vineyards planted at more than 600 m. The result is an unusual wine for the Douro region, with great freshness, intensity and ageing potential.

Vinification

2009 was a very fresh year until the beginning of August. A good amount of water in the soil and a cold weather, unusual in the Douro Valley, was leading us to a long maturation season. But incredible high temperatures, from 12th of August onwards, resulted in a very fast maturation process all over the region without any shrivel berry. Harvest started earlier, in the beginning of September.

After hand sorting, the grapes were total destemmed and quickly pressed during the night. The juice was decanted for 24 hours. Fermentation took place in small stainless steel tanks with fine lees for more than four months; malolactic fermentation was blocked after alcoholic fermentation.

The wine was bottled in the second week of May.

Tasting Notes

Very complex, intense citric and green apple notes. With a wet stone mineral character, even though coming from a warm year, shows only freshness in the aroma. The palate is vibrant and intense with fresh fruit flavors and exceptional lightness. Drier than previous versions, Tiara 2009 is marked by its mineral character.

Technical information

Product . Tiara Branco 2009
Producer . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.
Region . Douro
Year . 2009
Soil Type . Schist
Vineyards . Different small vineyards
Average Vine Age . 40, 60 to 100 years
Grape Varieties . Codega, Rabigato, Donzelinho, Viosinho, Cercial and others

Vines per HA . 6500
Pruning Method . Guyot and Royat
Alt. from Sea level . 600-800 m
Harvest Period . September
Harvest Method . Hand picked
Malolactic . None
Fermentation . Stainless steel
Bottled . May 2010
Ageing . 8 months in stainless steel
Dry Extract . 17,2 g/dm³

Alcohol . 12,90 %
Total Acidity . 4,75 g/dm³ (tartaric acid)
Volatile Acidity . 0,35 g/dm³ (acetic acid)
pH . 3,33
Residual Sugar . 1,8 mg/dm³
Free SO₂ at Bottling . 12 mg/dm³
Production . 19.219 bottles



Food suggestions:
Different types of
grilled fish dishes



Vegetarian suggestions:
Grilled vegetables
or Salads

