

NIEPOORT VERTENTE TINTO 2003

THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR OF VERTENTE PRODUCTION, AND THE WINE NOW SHOWS A DEFINED PERSONALITY, CLEARLY DETACHED FROM REDOMA OR BATUTA. VERTENTE IS NOT ONLY VERY PLEASANT TO DRINK BUT ALSO DENSE AND COMPLEX, SIMILAR TO A BORDEAUX CLARET. A VERSATILE WINE TO GO ALONG WITH ANY MEAL...

TASTING NOTES



FRESH WITH DARK BERRY FRUITS AND CHOCOLATE AROMAS, PERFECTLY INTEGRATED WITH BARREL AGEING NOTES.

FINE STRUCTURE WITH VELVETY TANNINS. INTENSE MIDPALATE FRUIT. VERY LONG AND FRESH ON THE FINISH, WITH GOOD AGEING POTENTIAL.

VINIFICATION

2003 WAS A DRY, HOT YEAR, WE THEREFORE STARTED TO HARVEST EARLIER. TO AVOID AN OVERRIPE STYLE AND ASSURE FRESHNESS, A RIGOROUS SELECTION OF THE GRAPES WAS PERFORMED IN THE VINEYARDS AND IN THE WINERY, ELIMINATING THE OVERRIPE AND DRY GRAPES.

VERTENTE WAS SOURCED FROM VINEYARDS AT QUINTA DE NÁPOLES AND FROM OLD VINEYARDS IN THE PINHÃO VALLEY. AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS THE FERMENTATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN STAINLESS STEEL OPEN TANKS WITH HYDRAULIC "PISAGE" SYSTEM. THE AVERAGE MACERATION TIME WAS 8 DAYS. THE MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WAS DONE IN CASKS, WHERE THE WINES AGED FOR 12 MONTHS.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

PRODUCT:	Vertente Tinto	PRODUCER:	Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.
REGION:	Douro	YEAR:	2003
SOIL TYPE:	Schist	VINEYARDS:	Nápoles, Pinhão valley
VINES AGE:	15 – 70 years	GRAPE:	Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, Tinta Amarela, Touriga Nacional and others
VINES PER HA:	4500	VARIETIES:	Guyot and Royat
ALT. FROM SEA LEVEL:	300 m	PRUNING METHOD:	
HARVEST METHOD:	Hand picked	HARVEST PERIOD:	September
FERMENTATION:	Stainless steel lagares	MALOLACTIC:	Cask
AGEING:	12 month in french oak casks (228l)	BOTTLED:	July 2005
ALCOHOL:	13.5 % vol	DRY EXTRACT:	36.5 g/dm ³
VOLATILE ACIDITY:	0.61 g/dm ³ Acetic Acid	TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.75 g/dm ³ Tartaric Acid
FREE SO ₂ AT BOTTLING:	43 mg/dm ³	PH:	3.67
		PRODUCTION:	17000 bottles

PRESENTATION

BOTTLE		CASE		PALLET	
EAN	5602840060951	EAN	n/a	DIM.	
VOLUME BOTTLE	750 ml	BOTTLES PER CASE	6	CASES PER LAYER	10
WEIGHT BOTTLE	1,4 kg	WEIGHT CASE	8.5	NO LAYERS	8
		DIM. (L x W x H) CM	25,5 x 17,5x 29	TOTAL	80