



# RIBEIRO SANTO

D.O.C. DÃO red 2012

## REGION

The D.O.C. Dão region is one of the oldest Wine Regions of Portugal, which goes back to 1908. Located in central Portugal in a mountainous region ranging from 400 to 700m above sea level, this region as its reference point at the mountain Serra da Estrela, the highest in mainland Portugal's. Its name comes from the river that crosses the Region, the river Dão. The characteristics of the wines are strongly influenced by the granitic terrain and the fact that the vines are inserted in forests with pines, eucalyptus and oak trees.

## VINEYARDS

The vineyard is planted following the traditional plantation methods, in poor ground granite soils, with large rocky outcrops, where you can have a magnificent perspective of the highness of the Mountain Serra da Estrela. The entire vineyard is planted following an integrated Production System, which demonstrates a great concern with the environmental issues.

## VINIFICATION

The harvest took place in the second week of September. The grapes were picked up by hand, into small boxes of 18Kg, according to a careful selection of the best grapes in the vineyard.

The grapes were totally destemmed into small stainless steel tanks, where they macerated for 24h at low temperature, before starting the fermentation at controlled temperature.

The fermentation lasted about 15 days, with gentle pumping for a good extraction of color and aromas. After the fermentation, the wine was transferred to a stainless steel tank where it naturally decanted until the time of bottling.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Limpid and brilliant aspect, ruby color. The bouquet combines lush red fruits with floral notes. Excellent acidity combined with a velvety texture and a nice finish.

**Alcoholic Degree** 13,5 % vol.

**Total Acidity** 5,2 g/L

**pH** 3,75

**Total Sugar** 1,7 g/L

**Grape Varieties** Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro and Tinta Roriz

**Aging** Unoaked

**Winemakers** Carlos Lucas and Lúcia Freitas



## PRESS AND AWARDS

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE – BRONZE MEDAL

INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE – COMMENDED MEDAL (2011 VINTAGE)

WINE ENTHUSIAST – 89 PTS (2011 VINTAGE)

