

RAMOS PINTO PORT

Late Bottled Vintage 2009

Tawny 20 Years Quinta do Bom Retiro



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Two DWWA Trophies FOR 20YO TAWNY & LBV 2009 provide the icing on the cake for Ramos Pinto in the 2014 UK Competitions!

Ramos Pinto are delighted with their performance in the 2014 UK wine competitions and to celebrate their success would like you to share with you a bottle of their 2 most celebrated Ports this year: the new vintage release LBV 2009 and their 20YO Tawny.

They have collected a total of 9 medals, Bronze or above, for their Ports with the LBV and 20YO Tawny performing particularly well at Decanter World Wine Awards where they collected 2 of the 4 Port trophies on offer.

The family-owned enjoys the distinction of holding the largest proportion of vineyards in relation to its production, giving it a high degree of control over viticultural methods and harvest time.

The House tends 187 hectares (460 acres) of prime vineyards in the Alto Corgo and Douro Superior areas of the famed Douro region, the mountainous valley formed by the Douro River and its tributaries.

"I have always been related to wine" says Ramos Pinto winemaker João Nicolau de Almeida. 'My mother came from a wine family – Ramos Pinto – and my father, Nicolau de Almeida, was also from a Port family. I guess my cot was a barrel!'

De Almeida's first vintage was in 1982, under the auspices of his uncle José Ramos Pinto, although the first vintage for which he was wholly responsible was 1991, and it's been that way ever since. 'We are trying to express our terroir,' he says of his wines. 'We make wines from our own grapes and this contributes significantly to obtaining a unique and specific taste. Trophies like this give us the motivation to continue pursuing these strategies.'

Ramos Pinto produces more than two million bottles of wine a year, of which the majority is Port.

In 2009 it made 60,000 bottles of the award winning LBV.

'2009 was a dry, healthy year with low yields and high grape concentration,' says De Almeida. Some 70% of the grapes come from Ervamoira in the upper Douro, with the rest from Ramos Pinto's quinta in Bom Retiro in High Corgo. The blend is 70% Touriga Nacional and 25% Touriga Franca, complemented by small amounts of Sousão and Tinta da barca.

Ramos saw off competition at Decanter in the shape of Fonseca's Terra Prima Reserve NV and Unfiltered Late Bottled Vintage 2008 and Graham's, Late Bottled Vintage 2009. The 20YO single quinta Tawny beat 20 YO tawnies from Borges, Fonseca, Sandeman and Warre's.

The 20 YO Tawny comes from selected plots on an exceptionally old vineyard bought by Ramos Pinto in 1919 (a quarter of the vines are more than 80 years old in Quinta de Ervamoira). A mix of Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Tinta barroca and Tinto Cão, this single-quinta tawny has been lovingly cared for down the years, and current winemaker João Nicolau de Almeida believes the wine reflects the personalities of his predecessors who have helped mould it.

RRP and stockists can be found on the back of the bottles.

NOTES TO EDITOR:

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