



HARVEST 2014

“2014 HARVEST STARTED EARLIER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. OVERALL, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE FRESH, FRUITY AND EXPRESSIVE WINES.”

CLIMATE

Overall, 2014 recorded rainfall within the average of the previous years, except during the July-September period, during which the level of precipitation almost doubled.

The overall average temperatures were significantly lower than in 2013, except for the April-July period, during which they were well above the usual for the time.

VEGETATIVE CYCLE

The bud burst occurred in March, in the usual period, and flowering began in May.

In general, maturation began two weeks earlier than usual.

PRODUCTION

Altogether on our Quintas, production decreased by about 3%.



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PORT WINE

RED PORTS

The Port wine harvest began on the 27th of August and lasted until the 1st of October.

The harvest was interrupted several times due to intense rain but, miraculously, there was no rotting.

It was a difficult harvest to manage, but with stunning results, nevertheless: colourful wines with rich aromas and, above all, a freshness of mouth, unusual in the Douro.

Touriga Nacional was clearly the best Port variety in 2014, in both the Douro Superior (Quinta da Ervamoira) and Cima Corgo (Quinta do Bom Retiro and Quinta da Urtiga).

WHITE PORTS

Fresh, intense and very fruity.

A very successful wine.

LAGARES

Generally, all the wines had a lot of colour, an equally intense red and black fruit aroma, very fresh menthol notes, and very fine tannins.



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DOURO WINE

The rainy winter and a very hot beginning of spring were followed by a humid summer with few heat spikes. The harvest began on the 4th of August, 9 days earlier than in 2013, and was completed on the 7th of October. This year, grape/must yields seem higher.

In terms of quality, white wines are expressive and vibrant, with good acidity and maturation, particularly in the case of the Rabigato. Regarding reds, we had relatively high alcohol levels and obtained a more expressive wine with a more potent fruit.

“2014 - A YEAR OF CLIMATIC TWISTS.”