



# BATON

DOC DOURO red 2013

## REGION

The Douro region is the world's oldest region for wine production. The "Alto Douro" Wine Region is part of a small elite classified as World Heritage by UNESCO for its natural beauty and rich patrimony. It is the combination of the qualities of soil, climate and the hard work of the man that makes this wine unique.

## VINEYARDS

The grapes come from several parcels of vineyards, planted in shale soil and arranged in terraces. The oldest vines have a mixture of traditional varieties, like Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Franca, Tinta Francisca and Sousão. The younger parcels have been planted with Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca.

## VINIFICATION

The harvest took place in the second week of September. The grapes were hand harvested for small 18Kg (40 lbs) boxes, following a careful selection of the best grapes in the vineyard. The grapes were totally destemmed for small stainless steel tanks, where they macerated 24 hours at low temperature, before starting the fermentation with selected yeast at controlled temperature. The fermentation lasted 15 days, with soft pumping for a good extraction of color and aromas. After the malolactic fermentation, it was transferred into a stainless steel tank, where naturally decanted until the time of bottling.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Intense colour, complex aromas with highlighted berries, raspberries and blueberries, hints of spice and tobacco. The tannins are refined and the balanced acidity give it a long and elegant aftertaste.

<b>Alcoholic Degree</b>	14 % vol.
<b>Total Acidity</b>	5,6 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3,70
<b>Total Sugar</b>	2,9 g/L
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca,
<b>Aging</b>	Tinta Francisca
<b>Winemakers</b>	12 months in French oak barrels Carlos Lucas

