



QUINTA DE LA ROSA

REGION

The demarcated Douro port and DOC wine region is found in Northern Portugal, inland from Porto.

Though similar to that of France, the appellation system of the Douro region was created nearly two hundred years before.

It extends inland protected by mountain ranges from the Atlantic sea along the Douro River and its tributaries up to Barca d'Alva and bordering the districts of Vila Real, Bragança, Guarda and Viseu.

The region is marked by granite and schist soils cut by the river into dramatically steep topography which necessitates the extensive use of terracing. This, combined with an extreme continental climate with long, hot summers provides the multitudinous number of indigenous varieties the chance to reach peak physiological ripeness for the production of Port and, increasingly, full-bodied dry table wines.

Run by Sophia and Tim Bergqvist, daughter and father, and ably assisted by Sophia's brother, Phillip, Quinta de la Rosa has been in the family for over 100 years. The estate was given as a christening present for Claire Fueueherd, Sophia's grandmother, in 1906. The family port shipping company, Fueueherd, was sold in the 1930s but La Rosa was kept and run by Sophia's grandmother, Claire. In 1988 Sophia and her father, Tim Bergqvist, decided to restart the family business and launched Quinta de la Rosa as a top quality port producer onto the market place.

Starting in the early 1990s, the Bergqvist family were one of the pioneers in taking table wine production in the Douro region seriously. Quinta de la Rosa's red and white table wines have won many accolades in the press and are sold in many prestigious restaurants and wine stores around the world.

LOCATION

The estate is situated on the south east facing banks of the River Douro, one kilometer from Pinhão in the Cima Corgo region.

VINEYARDS

All six of Quinta de la Rosa's single vineyards (a total of 55 hectares) are A graded. La Rosa is fortunate in having great diversity in its vineyards ranging from altitudes along the banks of the River Douro up to 400 meters above sea level. The older dry stone walled vineyards are planted with mixed varieties where vines are at least 50 years old and yields as low as 10 hectoliters per hectare. The newer vineyards ('patamares') date from the early seventies and are block planted with the approved varieties — Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), Touriga Franca and Tinta Cão. This allows head winemaker, Jorge Moreira, and his team to annually produce the highest possible quality of 50,000 liters of port and 100,000 liters of table wine (on average) from grapes of differing physiological attributes. All Quinta de la Rosa wines and Ports are estate grown, estate produced and estate bottled. The Quinta de La Rosa 'house' style is to make well defined, elegant wines and ports without over-extraction and without too much tannin or oak. The wines are rich and full bodied while maintaining freshness and good acidity.

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