

# **CARM** RESERVA Red 2019

# **GRAPES**

Wines are made from grapes of the varietals Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional, all produced in our vinevards. The three varietals bring together the firm tannins of Tinta Roriz, the rock rose notes and soft tannins of Touriga Franca and the aromas of black fruits and berries and very marked fresh floral notes of Touriga Nacional.

## **HARVEST**

The year 2019 was a dry year characterized by a cold Winter, a warm Spring and a mild Summer, with some occasional peaks of high temperatures during the Summer. These conditions produced grapes with great aromatic expression and balanced alcohol levels that gave rise to optimal-quality wines. We had an exceptional harvest in the Douro Superior.

#### VINIFICATION

The wine is vinified in the cellar of our Quinta das Marvalhas in Almendra, in the heart of Douro Superior.

Our winery is equipped with the latest technology and enables complete control of temperature, essential for our region of extreme climates. After grapes arrive at the winery, we eliminate clusters which are not in perfect condition. After total de-stemming, the grapes are crushed softly and pass through a thermal shock, followed by a period of cold pre-fermentative maceration of about 12 to 24 hours. The must is transferred to broad and low fermentation stainless steel vats, where the maceration occurs for 8 days at 22°C.

## TASTING NOTES

The wine's nose is very fresh and intense with notes of wild black fruits and black cherries balanced with seductive hints of licorice. Subtle notes of wood make the aroma more complex. In the mouth, the wine is fabulously concentrated, hot, showing firm tannins and a smooth texture as well as a very persistent finish that strongly displays the intensity of the wines of the Douro Superior.

This wine pairs with meats, cheeses and, in general, Mediterranean cuisine.

Serve at 15-16°C.

# **REVIEWS/AWARDS** WF RP/WA

**TECHNICAL NOTES** 

HARVEST 2019

APPELLATION: DOC Douro

LOT: CARMRT 2019 (50% Touriga Nacional, 25% Touriga Franca, 20% Tinta Roriz and 5% Tinta Francisca)

VINEYARDS:

CARM vineyards in the Douro Superior

WINE AGING:

18 months in extra fine grain oak barrels (70% French oak (225L) and 30% American (500L))

ALCOHOL: 14.50%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.50 g/Lt (tartaric acid) VOLATILE ACIDITY: 0.50 g/Lt (acetic

acid) PH: 3.57

FREE SO2: 18 mg/Lt TOTAL SO2: 73 mg/Lt RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.75 g/Lt BOTTLING: October 2021

EAN: 560 671 053 611 9

SCC 14 (Cases of 6): 156 067 105 361 16

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