



# Alves de Sousa

DOURO & PORT WINES

## The Vineyard

The roughness of the slopes and soils. The almost centennial vines and the wild forests surrounding it. And the Marão Mountains in the arisen, witness of all the years that had passed through Quinta da Gaivosa. The familiar and sentimental bows get tighter. It was here that everything started. An Alves de Sousa raised it. An Alves de Sousa presented it to the world under the form of one of the most emblematic wines from Douro. This wine expresses the dedication of several generations of the Alves de Sousa family to Gaivosa's vineyards and the amazing quality of its terroir.

## Main awards

- 1992 – Best Portuguese wine in the Intern. Wine Challenge
- 1994 – Best Portuguese wine in the Conc.Int. Vins de Montagne
- 1995 – Gold Medal (Challenge International du Vin)
- 1997 – Best Portuguese wine in the Intern.Wine Challenge Shanghai
- 1999 – "(...) le Cheval Blanc du Douro." Maximum classific.5\*(La Rev.Vin France)
- 2000 – 92 pts (Robert Parker's) – 18pts ("Vinhos - Grandes Escolhas")
- 2003 – 18pts (Revista de Vinhos) – Top13 Portuguese reds (J.P.Martins)
- 2005 – 93 pts (Robert Parker's Wine Adv.) – 18 pts (Jancis Robinson; out of 20)
- 2008 – Award "Best wines of the year" (J.P.Martins Guide) – Gold Medal (Conc.Mond.Bruxelles) – 92 pts (Robert Parker's Wine Adv.)
- 2009 – 94 pts (Robert Parker's Wine Adv.) – 18.5pts+Award "Year's Top10" (Wine Mag.) – 18pts+Excellence Award(Rev.Vinhos)
- 2011 – 95 Pts (Robert Parker) – 19pts ("Vinhos - Grandes Escolhas") – Grand Gold Medal (Conc.Mond.Bruxelles)
- 2013 – 18pts ("Vinhos - Grandes Escolhas") – Grand Gold Medal & Award "Best in Show Douro"(Mundus Vini)
- 2015 – 93+pts (Robert Parker) – 18pts ("Vinhos - Grandes Escolhas") – 4Gold Medals (IWC, SWA, Mundus Vini, Citadelle du Vin).
- 2017 – 19pts (Revista de Vinhos) – 19pts ("Grandes Escolhas") – 94pts (Robert Parker) – Gold Medal (Mundus Vini)



## Quinta da Gaivosa red 2019

Douro D.O.C

This wine is produced exclusively in years of exceptional quality



Harvest date:  
2019/10/02  
& 2019/10/07

Grapes:  
Touriga Franca,  
Touriga Nacional,  
Tinto Cão, others

Age of the vineyard:  
Over 80 Years

### Vinification:

- Total destemming
- 7 days fermentation at 20-22°C
- 8 days maceration

Aging: 15 months in 25% new and 75% 2<sup>nd</sup> year French oak

### Wine Tasting: Deep ruby colour.

Very deep and complex bouquet with wild berries, violets, pine leaves and dark chocolate. Very refined and elegant, with a great back-bone. Full of character and complexity.

Temperature and Service Conditions:  
17°C; open 1 hour before serving.

Aging ability in the bottle: 20-25 years

### 2019 Vintage Report

In a generically dry year (although not as much as 2017 or 2015), it was instead the large temperature fluctuations that most set the tone - from the beginning, the temperatures were successively moving from above to below average, with a natural reflex in the vines cycle which despite the initial advance was later decelerating. The different grape varieties naturally reacted differently to these variations, leading to some initial heterogeneity in the ripeness that required rigorous monitoring and a redefinition of the harvest calendar. The effort soon paid off - in addition to an excellent global phytosanitary condition, the waiting and the respect for the time of the different grape varieties and of the different vineyards in the year's conditions allowed a progressive refinement of its character and final quality. Wines with depth, solid structures, somewhat closed and austere at birth but with great character, complexity and a fantastic balance. Wines to cellar, for which, as it happened in the vineyard, it will also be necessary to know how to wait ... but with everything for a great evolution in the bottle.

### Wine analytics

Alcohol (%V/V)	15,00
Total acidity (g(Tartaric acid) /dm <sup>3</sup> )	6,20
Volatile Acidity (g(Acetic acid) /dm <sup>3</sup> )	0,70
pH	3,70
Total SO2 (mg /dm <sup>3</sup> )	90,00
Total Sugars (g /dm <sup>3</sup> )	2,00

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### Logistic information

**Package** Bottle: Bordeaux; Capacity: 750ml (wood cases of 6 bottles) / 1500ml  
**Bar-Code** EAN13: 5605063310193 (750ml) / : 5605063370197 (1500ml)  
**Pallets** Europallet (750ml); 80 cases / pallet; Weight: 840 kg; Height: 1,78 m  
**Exposition / Shell conditions** - Protected from direct sunlight; avoid standing position  
**Transport conditions** - Protected vehicles, avoiding temperature variations far beyond the recommended consumption temperature

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