



## QUINTA NOVA DE NOSSA SENHORA DO CARMO

# Quinta Nova Referência 2018 P29/P21

1st monovarietal parcel of Touriga Nacional in the Douro and Centenary Vineyards

### Overview

First Harvest: 2005  
Owner: Amorim Family  
Winemakers: Jorge Alves and Sónia Pereira

### Vineyard

Grape Varieties: Touriga Nacional (75%) and Century-Old Vineyards (25%)  
Soils: Schist  
Zones: Cima do Corgo  
Integrated Production Way  
Harvest: By hand  
Average Yield : 2700 Kg/Ha

### Additional Winemaking Notes

Unfiltered  
100% stalked  
Stage: 12 months in new French Oak  
Alcohol : 14,5% Vol  
Bottling: June 2020  
Production: 3900 bottles

### Harvest 2018

From 14th September until 27th September

An anticipated spring due to scarce rainfall in the first 3 months of the year, followed by an almost "tropical" climate, with day and night temperatures above the average for the season, with late afternoons always followed by thunderstorms, heavy rain, and some hail situations.

The rains in full bloom accompanied by the appearance of diseases such as mildew delayed the growing season and therefore the ripeness of the grapes.

The high temperatures experienced during August were attenuated in the high areas of Quinta Nova where these grapes come from, resulting in wines with high concentration, balance, density, and depth.

The first study for monovarietal planting in the Douro region was conducted in Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo, between 1979 and 1981, in conjunction with the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture, through the Centro de Estudos Vitivinícolas do Douro (Douro Winemaking Studies Centre). In the study, the best solar exposures were chosen in Quinta Nova to study the planting of three grape varieties: Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca. The Parcela 29 (Plot), planted with Touriga Nacional, has 3300 vines, a slope of 20% and an altitude between 170 and 205 metres. It represents a unique wine and a fundamental piece in the history of Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo in its maximum expression of terroir. A genuine Referência (reference) that combined with century-old vines, results in a wine with a very elegant profile, almost feminine, contrasting with an intense structure of juicy tannins of an enormous precision. A schist texture of high gravity, the savoury profile, and the purple colour reflects the nature of the Touriga Nacional variety.

