

COCKBURN'S QUINTA DOS CANAIS

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O VINHO

Quinta dos Canais is Cockburn's principal estate. Laid out on a natural amphitheatre overlooking a pronounced bend in the Douro River, this iconic estate has formed the backbone of Cockburn's Vintage Ports since the late 19th Century. With its south-facing vineyards and large proportion of mature Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca, the consistency of the wines from Quinta dos Canais is such that they form the principal component of Cockburn's declared Vintage Ports. In the intervening years, the best wines from the estate are blended on their own and bottled as Quinta dos Canais Vintage Port. The high level of maturation almost always achieved at the estate produces Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca wines at their best with typical floral aromas combined with "esteva" (gum-cistus). The wines are very full bodied with fresh acidity and with a characteristic dry finish of great length.

A QUINTA

Quinta dos Canais has always provided the bedrock of Cockburn's legendary Vintage Ports and for several decades the Touriga Nacional has been at their heart. This variety was saved from near extinction largely through Cockburn's farsighted research work during the 1970s and 1980s and thanks to Cockburn's and a small handful of others, the Touriga Nacional was saved from oblivion. The absence of Touriga Nacional would be unthinkable to any Port winemaker, considering the importance the variety represents for producing outstanding Vintage Port. Today, approximately one third of Canais is planted with Touriga Nacional.

O ANO

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of this vintage was the pockets of the Douro that were less affected by the rain, highlighting the amazing diversity of microclimates of the region. Whereas very unsettled conditions were the norm during the harvest in most parts of the Douro, some localised parts of the valley were much less affected and this was particularly noticeable in areas of the Douro Superior such as Quinta dos Canais and other vineyards in the proximity. The wines made here were by far the best wines of the year. In such a diverse wine region it is certain some real gems will have been made as the grapes were in such lovely condition at the outset. Vineyards, such as Canais, lucky enough to escape the rain, will have made some really lovely Ports.

NOTAS DE PROVA

Nose: Aromas de mato e caruma juntam-se a outros, mais florais (esteva) e de frutos maduros onde sobressaem ameixa e cereja preta. Palate: Volumoso no paladar, mas com uma textura sedosa de frutos suculentos, pautada também por notas apimentadas que refletem os taninos de grão fino. O conjunto apresenta-se equilibrado e com recorte fresco em virtude da boa acidez. Final de boca bastante longo, com sugestões de chocolate preto e chá. Conclusions: Ready to drink
Nose: Fragrância bem fresca de esteva e mata mediterrânica, bem como aromas de frutos vermelhos onde sobressai a framboesa. Palate: Na boca apresenta bom volume, bem condimentado pelos taninos apimentados que conferem 'nervo' ao vinho. Suculento com toques de ameixa preta. Conclusions: Ready to drink
Visual: Cor retinta com rebordo carmesim.
Nose: Notas florais de rosas, bem como fresca fragrância de pinho e ainda ervas aromáticas, cravinho e bosque. Palate: Corpo volumoso, estruturado e, por enquanto, um pouco reservado. Taninos apimentados envolvem sabores de ameixa preta, tabaco, chá e frutos silvestres. Fina acidez e bom equilíbrio auguram longo potencial de guarda com evolução muito promissora. Conclusions: Ready to drink
Nose: Aromas vibrantes e recortados de frutos vermelhos, conjugados com notas de flores silvestres que expressam a vegetação mediterrânica do país vinhateiro do Alto Douro. Palate: Vinho cheio, mas

