



Niepoort 'Tiara Branco 2004

Tiara, a fresh, elegant white wine, is Niepoort's latest creation. The wine's freshness and acidity is not typical of a Douro white wine but the concentration of flavour provided by the old vines is distinctively Douro.

Tiara's three month slow fermentation and the high altitude of the vineyards has provided an elegance and freshness.

Tasting Notes

The nose is fine, fresh and elegant with citrus notes.

the palate is fresh, light and elegant and is balanced by good acidity. While the wine is without wood, it has a good structure, and complexity, with a long and persistent finish.

Vinification

The hot weather in 2004 and rain in August caused problems in getting grapes with the correct acidity. To overcome this, Tiara was made from grapes grown in high altitude vineyards. After pressing, the must was held at a low temperature for 24 hours before the vinification process was started. The fermentation was very slow (3 months long) and the wine was made using natural yeasts. The wine was aged in stainless steel for 6 months, without malolactic fermentation. In May 2005, when the wine had stabilised, it was bottled.

Technical Information

Product . Tiara Branco
Producer . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.
Region . Douro
Year . 2004
Soil type . Schist
Vineyards . Different small vineyards
Average Vine Age . 40, 60 E > 80 years
Grape Varieties . Codega, rabigato, donzelinho, viosinho, arinto and others

Vines per Ha . 4500
Pruning Method . Guyot and Royat
Alt. from Sea level . 650-800 M
Harvest Period . September
Harvest Method . Hand picked
Malolactic . None
Fermentation . Stainless steel
Bottled . August 2005

Ageing . 6 Month in stainless steel
Dry Extract . 23,8 G/dm³
Alcohol . 13.9 % vol
Total Acidity . 5.33 g/dm³ Tartaric Acid
Volatile Acidity . 0.34 g/dm³ Acetic Acid
Ph . 3.18
Free SO₂ at Bottling . 45 mg/dm³
Production . 5300 Bottles

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