



Niepoort 'Vertente Tinto 2005

Vertente is an appealing yet complex wine: the fruit and concentration is emblematic of Douro wines, and the elegance is typical of Niepoort. The grapes for the Vertente 2005 come from Quinta de Nápoles in the Tedo Valley, around 20 years old vineyards, and the rest from old vineyards from Pinhão Valley. Vertente 2005 is pleasant to drink, dense and complex.

Tasting Notes

Dark ruby colour, with black and red fruit aromas, spicy with dark and green pepper notes, mineral with light smoky character from the age in barrel. The palate is fruity, and the tannins are smooth with good persistence, fine and elegant. A wine with character to drink now or in the next years.

Vinification

2005 it was a dry and hot year in the Douro region, a very hot summer gave rise to vine stress special in south facing vineyards. A light rain shower in early September allowed a complete fruit maturation with some very good acidity.

The harvest was made in September the grapes were a rigorously select in the sorting table and subsequently destemmed.

The wine fermented in stainless steel lagares, with step hydraulic system, with total maceration of 8 to 10 days. The wine aged during 15 months in French oak barrels, in which elapsed the maloláctic fermentation.

Technical Information

Product . Vertente Tinto 2005
Producer . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.
Region . Douro
Year . 2005
Soil Type . Schist
Vineyards . Nápoles, Pinhão valley
Average Vine Age . 20 | 70 years
Grape Varieties . Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, Tinta Amarela, Touriga Nacional and others

Vines per Ha . 4500
Pruning Method . Guyot and Royat
Alt. from Sea level . 300 m
Harvest Period . September
Harvest Method . Hand picked
Malolactic . Cask
Fermentation . Stainless steel lagares
Bottled . April 2007

Ageing . 15 month in french oak casks (228l)
Dry Extract . _ g/dm³
Alcohol . _ % vol
Total Acidity . _ g/dm³ Tartaric Acid
Volatile Acidity . _ g/dm³ Acetic Acid
Ph . _
Free SO₂ at Bottling . _ mg/dm³
Production . 27 100 bottles

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