



QUINTA do NOVAL  
SINCE 1715

1715

The name Quinta do Noval appears for the first time in the land registry records, where the property is mentioned as belonging to Abbot Francisco Álvares Taveira.

1762

The heirs of Abbot Francisco Taveira sell the Quinta to Domingos Francisco Guimarães, a deputy of the General Company of Agriculture of the Vineyards of the Upper Douro.

1862

The descendants of the Guimarães family transfer the Quinta to José Maria Rebello Valente, known for his trading and export activities in Porto.

He undertakes to renew the old vineyards, builds the house and a wine cellar, and makes use of the available water sources.

His son-in-law, Alfredo Allen, Viscount of Vilar d'Allen, continues his father-in-law's work, but the arrival of the phylloxera crisis in Portugal devastates the Douro vineyard.

1894

António José da Silva, a wine merchant in Porto, acquires Quinta do Noval, still affected by the ravages of phylloxera, and revives the estate by replanting the vineyard.

1923

Following the death of António José da Silva, his son-in-law, diplomat Luiz Vasconcelos Porto, and his daughter Teresa da Silva continue a policy of innovation and significant investments in the vineyard.

1931

The first Vintage Nacional, the very first single-estate Vintage Port of the region, is produced from grapes grown on ungrafted vines.

1967

Luiz Vasconcelos Porto passes away, and the management of the estate is taken over by his grandchildren, Fernando and Luis Van Zeller.

1981

A devastating fire destroys the archives, offices, and part of the Noval cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia.

1986

All the wine stocks from the Quinta are transferred to the Douro, into a temperature-controlled wine cellar set up on the estate's historic hill.

1993

The Van Zeller family sells the estate to the AXA Millésimes group. Christian Seely is appointed Managing Director of Quinta do Noval and appoints Antonio Agrellos as Technical Director. Together, they undertake the replanting of the vineyards and the renovation of the estate.

1995

Opening of the Noval tasting room in Vila Nova de Gaia.

1997

Construction of a bottling and export warehouse in Alijó, centralizing all of the estate's activities in the Douro.

2004

Start of the production of Douro AOC dry wines under the Quinta do Noval label.

2018

Antonio Agrellos retires, and his nephew, Carlos Agrellos, takes over as Technical Director.

2019

Acquisition of the Quinta do Passadouro vineyard.

2019

First vintage of the Terroir Series range with Vinhas da Marka 2019.

2020

Opening of a second tasting room on the Pinhão riverbanks, set up in a former storage wine cellar.

2024

Completion of the construction of a new barrel cellar for the dry wines.