



QUINTA DO NOVAL

FINE PORTS SINCE 1715

Late Bottled Vintage 2016



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

2016 was a year of extremes: a warm winter with high rainfall, at 618 mm twice as much as in an average year. After a wet spring, summer was very hot and dry, with some peaks of heat in August and September. By the end of August, the harvest looked extremely good, in excellent sanitary condition, but ripening began to slow down due to the very hot and dry conditions. Fortunately 17 mm of much needed rain fell on 13th September, and maturation continued in ideal conditions from this point onwards. The main part of the harvest began on 19th September in dry and sunny weather, and the fruit continued to ripen throughout the harvest period. We were able to harvest each plot in ideal conditions as ripening continued.

In spite of the unusual and extreme climatic conditions of the year, the end result is of an excellent quality. The Port wines are exceptional, with excellent structure, very intense bright fruit, and aromatically very expressive.

GRAPE VARIETIES

Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Roriz, Tinto Cão, Sousão

VINIFICATION

Grapes were trodden by foot to obtain the must, then they macerate in the "lagares", the traditional stone vats from the Quinta to obtain the best possible extraction. The fermentation lasted for 3 days.

MATURING

The wine matured 4 years in large wooden barrels called Tonéis, instead of 2 years for a Classic Vintage. This explains its name, "Late Bottled Vintage". The wood that is used has over 30 years of age so that no wood flavours are transmitted to the wine.

SERVING TEMPERATURE

15°-17°C

WINE ANALYSES

Alcohol: 19.5%
Residual sugar: 92 g/dm³
Total acidity: 4.4 g/dm³
pH: 3.58