Quinta do Retiro Novo 2011, DOC Porto 2011

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Wiese & Krohn

— Douro, Portugal

Vintage 2011 was so widely declared because of the exceptional weather conditions which differed quite dramatically from the rest of Europe. A wet Autumn in 2010 left subsoils nicely damp and able to cope with the near drought conditions that ensued in the first half of 2011, then a cool summer helped to maintain freshness and avoid any overly dry, raisiny characteristics. Some welcome splashes of rain at the end of August and early September helped to ripen tannins (and bring them back in line with sugar levels) then the dry days and cool nights that followed provided perfect picking conditions. The result is a superb single Quinta Port from the excellent and early drinking 2011 vintage.

Production

Wiese & Krohn's estate Quinta do Retiro Novo is located in Sarzedinho, a small village in the Rio Torto valley. Quality is determined by the grape varieties, by the age of the vines, their method of training and the density of planting. All these factors are officially converted into points, the sum of which determines the final classification of the property. Here this sum exceeds 1200 points, ensuring it belongs to a select group of Class A properties. During vinification, great importance is given to both modern technology balanced by traditional wine making methods. So old lagares (open granite tanks about 75 cm high) are still used to make the best Ports with traditional foot treading of the grapes without any mechanical crushing. Modern stainless steel lagares are also used where sophisticated robots simulate the human treading of the grapes.

Tasting note

A rich, dark Port, packed full of pure bramble fruit, very concentrated with well-integrated tannins and surprisingly good balancing acidity. A forward and approachable style for drinking soon.

Food Match

Decant and serve with well-matured farmhouse cheeses.

ABV:
20.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Appellation:
Doc Porto

Winemaker:
David Guimaraens

Grape Varieties:
Tinta Barroca 0%, Touriga Franca 0%, Touriga Nacional 0%

Suitable for:
No