

Passagem 2016 Douro Red

WineWise Code	PPA-DRR16
Country	Portugal
Region	Douro
Subregion	Douro Superior
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Acidity	5.1 g/dm3
Residual Sugar	1.9 g/dm3
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	1000
Varieties	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Pumpover
Destemming	Partial
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	7 days
Aging method	Stainless Steel 90%, Used Barrique 10%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 90



Notes from the producer:

Bought by Tim Bergqvist, Sophia Bergqvist's father, in 2005 with the help of Jorge Moreira, wine maker of Quinta de la Rosa with the view to seeing the contrast between wines made in the Cima Corgo where Quinta de la Rosa is situated and the Douro Superior where Quinta das Bandeiras - Passagem wines - is located. 7 hecs of old vine and 20 of new were planted.

WineWise Notes:

Made from a kitchen sink of traditional port varieties, this sumptuously-coloured red brings off the difficult feat of offering the Douro's inherent power in a gently fruity style that is nonetheless true to its roots. 2016 was a cooler year than its predecessor, yielding a more moderate wine – not such a bad thing!

These wines are a collaboration between the Bergqvist family of Quinta de la Rosa and their genius winemaker, Jorge Moreira (see below). A few years ago, they bought the Quinta das Bandeiras, an estate in the Upper Conga Valley, quite remote from their familiar locus in Pinhão. They are convinced that, once their new plantings have developed deep-enough roots, they will produce wines of equal quality but strikingly different character to the La Rosa wines.

