

REAL COMPANHIA VELHA QUINTA DAS CARVALHAS RED BLEND

<i>Wine</i>	Quinta das Carvalhas Red Blend
<i>Variety</i>	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz
<i>Year</i>	2016
<i>Region</i>	DOC Douro
<i>Country</i>	Portugal
<i>Production</i>	89,000 Bottles (750ml)

Store bottles on their sides, in a cool place (16°C) and away from direct light. Enjoy this wine at its utmost splendor when served at 16°C. An ideal partner for meat, pastas and cheeses.

Background Information

Quinta das Carvalhas is one of the most emblematic and spectacular properties in the Douro Valley. Written references regarding this magnificent vineyard can be traced back to 1759. Enjoying a prominent position on the left bank of the Douro river, in Pinhão, the estate covers the entire hillside facing the Douro river and occupies part of the slopes of the right bank of the tributary Torto river.

The Quinta das Carvalhas Red Blend is the entry-level wine for Quinta das Carvalhas. Made from young vines located at higher points of the estate, this fresh and aromatic red ensures a perfect suggestion for an everyday drinking wine.

The Year 2016

The Vintage 2016 was mostly characterized by a high atypicality in terms of climate, with an unusually warm yet rainy winter, a cold and extremely showery spring followed by very hot and dry summer. The flowering stage occurred more prematurely than usual with 2 weeks in advance, however, a cold spring implied a delay of 2 weeks (compared to usual timings) in the cycle and in the showing of colour. The harvest period extended until mid October, over a period of 7 weeks, and was considered one of the most peaceful of the last decade, registering a mild climate and almost no rain. This was yet another good Vintage for the region, resulting in very elegant, fresh and very aromatic wines.

Winemaking and Maturation

Fermentation and maceration take place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature. The wine then ages in oak vats for the period of 8 months in excellent natural ageing conditions.

Technical Information

Alc./Vol.:	14%
Total Acidity:	5 g/l
PH:	3.66

Tasting Notes

A young and bright wine with a profound red ruby colour and violet tints. Intense aromas of mature red berries and green tobacco, harmoniously integrated with vanilla, result of its ageing in oak. Medium-bodied, soft tannins and subtle oak, make this wine round, pleasant, well-structured and very persistent in its finish.

