

# REAL COMPANHIA VELHA QUINTA DAS CARVALHAS RESERVA

<i>Wine</i>	Quinta das Carvalhas Reserva
<i>Variety</i>	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz
<i>Year</i>	2017
<i>Region</i>	DOC Douro
<i>Country</i>	Portugal
<i>Production</i>	19.300 Bottles (750ml)

*Store bottles on their sides in a cool place away from direct light. Serve at 16°C.  
Enjoy this complex and powerful Douro Reserva with game dishes, steak or pastas.*

## **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 Tordo river.

This Reserva is one of the great and most typical Douro reds made at this Quinta. Produced from parcels of Old Vines, it reveals unique complexity and immense structure.

## **The Year 2017**

The year 2017 was essentially characterized by a significantly atypical climate, having this been an extremely hot and dry year all round. Sprouting occurred prematurely, followed by a big advance in the vegetative cycle up until the harvest, due to a continuous evolution in climate conditions. The long absence of precipitation alongside very high temperatures caused meaningful hydric and thermal stress, resulting in one of the earliest harvest campaigns in Douro history, beginning in mid August with a three week advance in comparison to usual timings. Nevertheless, 2017 was a great year in terms of quality, producing classic Reds and remarkable Ports.

## **Winemaking and Maturation**

Fermentation and maceration for this wine occurs on stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature. 100% of the wine ages in French oak barriques, 60% in new oak

### **Technical Information**

Alc./Vol.:	14%
Total Acidity:	4.5 g/l
PH:	3.68

## **Tasting Notes**

This Quinta das Carvalhas Reserva presents a beautiful and intense ruby colour, with powerful varietal aromas of mature red fruit successfully integrated with vanilla nuances, from ageing in oak. A very full bodied wine, harmonious and round with flavours of black fruit. A very long and velvety finish crowned by an excellent acidity.

