

# REAL COMPANHIA VELHA QUINTA DAS CARVALHAS TOURIGA NACIONAL

<i>Wine</i>	Quinta das Carvalhas
<i>Variety</i>	Touriga Nacional
<i>Year</i>	2014
<i>Region</i>	DOC Douro
<i>Country</i>	Portugal
<i>Production</i>	15.000 Bottles (750ml)

*Store bottles on their sides in a cool place away from direct light. Serve at 18°C.  
Enjoy this powerful and vibrant Touriga Nacional with red meat, game 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 Tordo river.

The Touriga Nacional parcels present at the estate represent for 55 acres having North and South exposure.

## **The Year 2014**

2014 was characterized by both: the high levels of precipitation, mostly during the months of January, February, July and September, and a significant climatic instability during the summer period with thunderstorms occurring in the months of June and July. As a consequence of the climatic conditions, grape maturation tests were showing a two-week advance in the plants' phenology, with grapes revealing good levels of sugar and acidity. Rainfall registered in mid September caused a delay in the harvest up to mid October. Although faced by difficult conditions during the harvest period, the grapes showed well and this ended up being a good year. The wines are not the most concentrated the Douro has seen, nevertheless they reveal themselves very fresh and elegant.

## **Winemaking and Maturation**

A careful selection of Touriga Nacional grapes is fermented in medium size stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature to be aged partially (50%) in new French oak barrels for 12 months.

### **Technical Information**

Alc./Vol.:	14%
Total Acidity:	4.7 g/l
PH:	3.7

## **Tasting Notes**

This Touriga Nacional, made exclusively from grapes grown in a North-facing hillside of the Quinta, expresses the fresh varietal character with floral and bergamot notes dominant over riper fruit flavours of blueberries. It is intense, deep and complex offering great pleasure to enjoy while young and vibrant, although it will certainly reward patient cellaring.

