



# QUINTA DO CRASTO

SINCE 1615

## CRASTO SUPERIOR RED 2021

### Appellation

Douro

### Viticultural Year

2021 will be remembered for its freshness and elegance. In a year when particularly unstable weather conditions presented challenges both in the vineyard and in the winery, it took a large dose of meticulous planning, periodic monitoring, and adaptability to achieve the level of excellence that was finally accomplished. Following a cold winter with abundant rainfall, the vines began the growth cycle with healthy water reserves. Mild temperatures from budburst to veraison meant that the vines underwent very little stress, hastening the growth cycle by approximately 15 days relative to the five-year average. The harvest began in the last week of August with hot, dry days and cold nights. The first rains came on the 1st and 2nd of September, as the average temperature fell, and harvesting was completed smoothly amidst pleasant temperatures. This memorable year has produced elegant, full-bodied wines with excellent freshness, refined fruit aromas and silky tannins, wines with excellent bottle-ageing potential.

### Grape Varieties

Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz and Sousão

### Winemaking

The grapes, coming from our property Quinta da Cabreira in the Douro Superior sub-region, are taken to the winery in plastic boxes and rigorously inspected on a sorting table on arrival. The grapes are then completely destemmed and slightly crushed. After this, the must is transferred to temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks.

### Ageing

In French oak barrels for about 12 months.

### Tasting Note

Deep dark red, with purple hues. Intense, fresh and complex aroma profile, showing notes of wild fruit and fresh hints of woodland and spice. The palate starts balanced and elegant, evolving into a wine with powerful, yet silky tannins that offer a rich, velvety texture. The finish is long and elegant. This is a serious wine that mirrors the uniqueness and identity of the Douro Superior.



### Technical information

#### Age of Vines

20 years old

#### Aspect, Soil and Altitude

East - North  
130 - 450 metres

#### Alcohol, ABV

14%

#### Analytical Data

Total Acidity: 5,2 gr/L  
pH: 3,67  
Residual Sugar: 1,6 gr/L

#### Winemaker

Manuel Lobo  
Cátia Barbeta

#### Serving temperature

16-18°

#### Landscaping

*Vinha ao alto*  
(rows of vines planted up and down the slope) and *patamares* (terraces) with one and two rows of vines

#### Bottling

May 2024



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