# 2006 VINHA MARIA TERESA



<b>APELLATION</b> Douro	VINEYARDS Old vines	<b>SOIL</b> Schist
VINEYARD EXPOSURE East	<b>AGE OF VINES</b> 91 years old	<b>ALCOHOL, VOL%</b> 14,5%

**BOTTLING ANALYSIS** 

April of 2008

# **GRAPE VARIETY**

Mixed plantings (up to 30 different grape varieties-old vines)

#### VINIFICATION

Grapes are hand picked, transported to the winery in small plastic craters, and submit to a very accurate quality selection before being crushed. Very smooth crushing by man feet in traditional "lagares". Alcoholic fermentation with mechanical robots, in open stainless steel tanks with temperature controlled.

# **AGEING**

18 months in 225 litres barrels, 100% French oak.

# TASTING

Colour: Intense, vibrant violet colour

Aroma: Great deepness, complex and elegant aromatics. Aromas of wild flowers, white spices and elegant soft dark chocolate.

Palate: A beautifully balanced wine, the rich, full bodied palate has intense rich berries and spice flavours elegantly integrated with fine grained dusty tannins. Fantastic structure and great length suggest serious aging potential.

### WINEMAKERS

Dominic Morris and Manuel Loho.

