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Real Companhia Velha, Quinta da Carolhas Tinto, DOC Duoro, Portugal, 2017



Producer Profile

The iconic Real Companhia Velha is the oldest wine company in Portugal, with a history of over 260 years of port production.

Founded in 1756 by the Portuguese Prime Minister Sebastião José de Carvalho e Melo, Marquis of Pombal (called Douro Wine Company back then) to regulate the trade and production of all Port wine. One of the first official duties of the company was the delineation of the boundaries of the Douro wine region. This act essentially made the Douro the world's first regional appellation. Today this company represents some of the finest Quintas in the Douro. Prestigious and experienced, they have been able to preserve and honour the traditional winemaking while investing in the future with constant modernisation and experimentation in their vineyards.

Viticulture

The Quinta das Carolhas Tinto is a reflection of the diversity of the terroir by featuring parcels at various locations of the Quinta. Vineyards at the very top of the mountain ensure freshness and elegance, while the ones located at lower altitudes provide structure and power.

Winemaking

For the Quinta das Carolhas Tinto, fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats at controlled temperature. The wine then ages in French oak barriques for 12 months, gaining structure and complexity.

Tasting Note

A very fresh wine, with a beautiful ruby colour and aromas of red fruit harmoniously integrated with creamy vanilla notes, demonstrating notable aromatic intensity and complexity. Very balanced and round, resulting in a very pleasant and long lasting finish.

Food Matching

Veal, lamb and oily fish work really well.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Touriga Nacional 60%
Touriga Franca 20%
Tinta Roriz 20%

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

Time: 12 Months

Type: French Oak
Barrique

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: 25