

Chasing Harvest

Douro DOC, Vinho Tinto 2010

Appellation:	Douro, Portugal
Sub-region:	Cima Corgo, Pinhao Valley
Cases Produced:	225 cases
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.78
Barrel:	12 months, French cooperage

THE WINE

This wine is our first from the Douro region. A UNESCO world heritage site, it is a place of extreme beauty and incredible history. Portugal's Douro River winds past mountains that are cut into vineyard terraces. The Port wine industry was born here centuries ago, but today there is a new generation of winemakers that craft quality dry wines from this epic location.

We first came to the Douro in 2007 at the invitation of our good friend Henrique Cizeron. Together we spare no effort to make wines of character and elegance that reflect the small corner of the Douro in which we work.

This wine offers brooding dark fruit and berry aromas with spice, dried flowers, minerality and a freshness on the palate that finishes with fine tannins.

THE VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced from the Quinta da Costa and a couple adjacent exceptional 'Vinha Velha' or old vine vineyards. The Quinta da Costa owned by Miguel Morais has been in his family for at least five generations and has been the source of some of the Douro's best wines. The vineyard is located in the upper Pinhao Valley of the Douro region and features the very rocky schist based soils for which the Douro is famous.

THE VINTAGE

The season started slowly after a wet winter, and a very hot and dry summer. The fruit was delicious and ripe when harvesting began early September. We began by harvesting the 'Vinha Velha' or old vine sections of the quinta, followed by the Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional and finally the Touriga Francesa.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

This wine is the culmination of the best blend from the Quinta da Costa and a couple small 'Vinha Velha' or old vine vineyards adjacent to the quinta. The backbone of this wine are these old vineyards reaching 100 years in age that feature dozens of unique Portuguese varieties.

We also harvested separately select sections of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, and Tinta Roriz. The fruit was carefully hand sorted back at the winery and the wines were fermented cool and extracted gently. After gentle pressing the wines were racked to french oak barrels, the wines remained in barrel for 12 months before a final blend was decided. The wine was then aged in tank until bottling.

We have attempted to create a wine of elegance and structure with complexity in the aromatics and palate that is a reflection of this small corner of the Douro.

ABOUT US

Chasing Harvest is a boutique wine company that was created by husband and wife team, Michael Kush and Jennifer Kingen Kush. With only passports and backpacks, a passion for adventure, travel, and wine inspired us to 'chase harvest' across five continents, eight countries, and 21 vintages. We used our experiences of the world's greatest wine regions to handcraft this limited edition wine.

Thank you for your interest in our wine and visit chasingharvest.com to follow our journey and learn more about other wines and next stop: New Zealand.

