

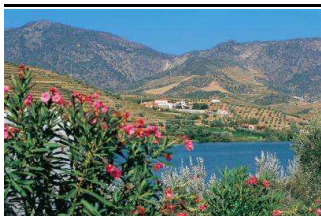


# DOW'S PORT

## QUINTA DA SENHORA DA RIBEIRA

Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira is located in one of the most beautiful and remote locations of the Upper Douro. The Quinta is situated on the north bank of the river Douro, where there is an ancient river crossing that dates back to pre-Roman times. This crossing is located half-way between the two 12th century hilltop castles of Numão and Lavandeira, built to guard this place. It was at the Quinta's small chapel that travellers would stop to pray to the 'Senhora da Ribeira' (The Lady of the River) for a safe crossing and onward journey. Named after this small chapel, Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira was originally acquired by Dow's in 1890. The Quinta was sold in 1954 when the Port trade was at its lowest point and when many Port companies either closed down or were sold. For many of the last 50 years the grapes from the Quinta were nevertheless bought and vinified by Dow's, continuing to form a fundamental part of the Dow Vintage Port blend. In 1998 the Quinta was repurchased by the Symington family for Dow's.

### TERROIR



The property is situated in the Douro Superior, the most easterly and, hottest and driest sub region of the Douro valley, on the north bank directly opposite the legendary Quinta do Vesuvio. The vineyard aspect is south. The Douro Superior has a climate of extremes, with hot dry summers and very cold and dry winters. The 10 year annual average rainfall for the area is 448mm. The soil's main component is schist, a laminated slate-like rock.

### THE WINE

The very hot climate through the Summer at this vineyard results in highly complex and concentrated wines but very low yields. Colours of the musts in the fermentation tanks are always purple-black due to the very high skin to juice ratio. The old vines add further to the intensity of the wine as they make up a very large percentage of the vineyard. The resulting wine can be described as being the essence of Vintage Port, with powerful wild red-fruit flavours, leading into rich black chocolate notes, the whole balanced by complex, attractive and peppery tannins.



### WINEMAKING



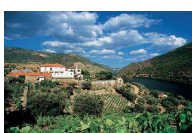
Senhora da Ribeira has one of the most advanced small 'specialist' wineries in the Upper Douro, containing 7 original granite lagares for foot treading and 3 robotic lagares designed by the Symington family and installed in 2001. Grapes from long associated farmers in the surrounding valleys are also vinified at the Quinta. In 2007 the Quinta produced 104 pipes of must, which is equivalent to approximately 8.000 cases of 9 litres of Port.

### THE QUINTA

- Together with Bomfim the Quinta defines Dow's Vintage style and also makes one of Douro's finest Single Quinta Ports
- Touriga Nacional: one-third of vineyard
- High proportion of old vines (45% > 25 years old) define distinctive, concentrated and aromatic style

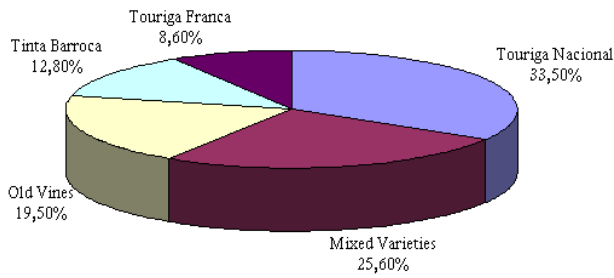


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## VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

All of the property is “A-rated”, the highest possible designation and virtually the entire Quinta is now planted in varietal batches, allowing each variety to be picked and subsequently vinified separately. All grapes are picked by hand.



Grape Variety	Area (ha)	N° of vines	%
Touriga Nacional	8,82	26945	33,5
Mixed Varieties	7,86	20507	25,6
Old Vines	4,27	15656	19,5
Tinta Barroca	3,37	10283	12,8
Touriga Franca	2,45	6871	8,6
<b>Total Under Vine</b>	<b>26,77</b>	<b>80.262</b>	<b>100</b>

**Quinta Total Area: 43,57 ha**

Note: Douro average of Touriga Nacional = 3%

### **Average age of vines:**

45% of the vines are at Senhora da Ribeira are 26 years old or older. These old vines are incredibly low yielding (in most years producing less than 1 Kg of grapes each) and produce intense and concentrated musts which are ideal for classic Vintage Port. The remainder are 21% from 2001, and 34% from 2004.

