



**Quinta do Vesuvio 2018**  
**Vintage Port**



*Quinta do Vesuvio estate house*

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965 cases of 12 x 75cl

Just 3% of Quinta do Vesuvio total production

**Considered to be one of the most magnificent estates in the Douro Valley, Quinta do Vesuvio is the last major property in the region to produce its Ports exclusively using the traditional method of treading in granite *lagares* – an unbroken tradition since the winery was built in 1827.**

## THE PROPERTY

Since acquiring Quinta do Vesuvio in 1989, the Symington family have sought to recover the quinta's legendary reputation. Drawing on their wealth of winemaking experience in the Douro, which stretches back five generations, the family have made substantial investments in the vineyards. Over the last three decades, Quinta do Vesuvio has built a global reputation as a single-estate producer of fine Vintage Ports and, more recently, fine Douro red wines.

The estate faithfully preserves the tradition of treading the grapes in granite *lagares*. At each vintage, Vesuvio's impressive winery fills with the sound of 50 treaders working the *lagares*.

## THE VINEYARDS

Quinta do Vesuvio is located in the Douro Superior, the demarcated region's hottest and driest sub-region with just 470 mm average annual rainfall. The property's sheer size (326 hectares) and mountainous terrain result in varied aspects, predominantly north and northwest, as it occupies a south bank position along the Douro River.

The vineyards are laid out along varying altitudes, ranging from 110 metres up to almost 500 metres above sea level. These two variables are important features of the property's terroir; combined they shield the vineyard from excessive heat.

The estate's mature vineyards in the *Vale da Teja* section of the property date from the 1970s and are a vital contribution to the wines in challenging years. These vines have a well-developed root system, enabling them to tap the water in the subsoil, providing vital sustenance through the dry summer conditions. They contribute to the incredible complexity and structure of Quinta do Vesuvio wines.

