

# Churchill's



## GRAFITE TOURIGA NACIONAL 2019

Founded in 1981 by winemaker Johnny Graham, who represents the 5TH generation of his family to make wine in the Douro Valley. Churchill's remains a family-owned independent producer. We produce wines using NATIVE GRAPE VARIETIES from the Douro region with the aim of expressing the unparalleled richness of this diverse and extreme terroir. The name Grafite acknowledges our WINEMAKERS' ARTISTIC SIGNATURE in these HAND-CRAFTED WINES.

### INTENSE - SPICY - GREEN PEPPER

Grafite Touriga Nacional is made exclusively from Touriga Nacional grapes grown on our Douro estates. This wine is intense and complex on the palate, with aromas of wild basil and notes of fresh green peppers and spices.

### SOURCING

100% produced from Touriga Nacional grapes grown on our estates located in the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior sub-regions of the Douro Valley.

### TASTING NOTES

Vibrant violet colour. Intense floral and wild berry nose. Rich and juicy on the palate, lovely spicy dimension with fresh and appealing hints of basil on the background.

### 2019 YEAR

The 2018/2019 viticultural year was considered a dry year, with lower precipitation levels and high temperature amplitudes compared to the average, being January and June colder than average and December and May hotter than usual. Despite the heavy rainfall in April, good weather conditions after allowed the bunches to be in excellent shape to start picking in middle/late September. Some rainfall occurred during harvest time with good impact on the maturation allowing the production of wines with high quality, good acidity and lower alcohol level than average.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes are hand-picked into small boxes of approx. 20 kilos and brought to the winery where they undergo a careful selection process before being crushed. The vinification takes place in small stainless steel fermentation tanks. The grapes are fully destemmed and crushed. After 4 days of cold maceration the fermentation process follows under temperature-controlled conditions. The juice is gently pumped over the skins during fermentation which is long and even ensuring good aromatic and polyphenolic extraction.

### AGEING

100% of this wine is aged for 12 months in 2nd and 3rd year French oak casks. It is fined and lightly filtered before bottling.

### SERVING

Serve at room temperature (16-18°C).



### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

#### REGION

Douro.

#### PRODUCER

Churchill's.

#### WINEMAKING

John Graham and Ricardo Pinto Nunes.

#### GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Touriga Nacional

#### BOTTLE SIZES

Available in 75cl.

#### BOTTLE WEIGHT

605g (75cl)

#### ALCOHOL

14 %

#### RESIDUAL SUGAR

< 3 g/l

#### QUALITY

We practice sustainable agricultural methods certified by the SATIVA institute.