Churchill's # 1981

QUINTA DA GRICHA DOURO 2023

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. Quinta Da Gricha is Churchill's flagship vineyard in the heart of the Cima Corgo in the Douro Valley, with 'lagares' dating back to 1852. Benefiting from a north-facing exposure, Quinta da Gricha produces wines with a raw vibrancy and excellent natural acidity.

SEDUCTIVE - BLACK CHERRY - ELECTRICITY

This wine is uniquely produced from the vineyards at our Quinta Da Gricha estate, expressing the unique features of the 'Gricha' terroir: minerality, purity and finesse. An intense and seductive wine, with black cherry and herbal aromas.

SOURCING

This wine is 100% produced from the vineyards at Quinta da

TASTING NOTES

Beautifull light garnet colour. On the nose, intense aromas of wild raspberries with stoney undertones. Light, vibrant and seductive on the palate, with lovely wild berry and spicy flavours, in a long appealing finish.

THE YEAR

The viticultural year of 2022/2023 is again characterised by atypical conditions, with a winter hot and rainy, a spring very hot and dry and a summer considered hot and normal, mostly due to the rainfall occurred in June and September. Generally, hydric stress was not an issue this year, in contrast with years like 2005, 2017 or 2022. Regarding the vegetative cycle, there was a delay on the bud burst, but at end, veraison occurred 5 to 10 days earlier than the average.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes are selected and hand-picked into small boxes of approx. 20 kilos and brought to the winery where they undergo a careful second selection process before being crushed. The grapes are chilled overnight to 5°C and then crushed and allowed to cold-soak in tank for 12 hours at 10°C. 100% of the must is then transferred to a stainless steel lagar to start fermentation. At approximately middle of the fermentation process the juice is separated from the skins and racked to new 500 lts French oak barrels to finish the alcoholic and malolactic fermentation.

AGEING

100% of this wine is aged for 12 months in French oak casks.

SERVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Serve at room temperature (16º - 18ºC).



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

REGION

Douro.

PRODUCER

Churchill's.

WINEMAKING

John Graham and Ricardo Pinto Nunes.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Field blend including Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Francisca and Tinto Cão.

BOTTLE SIZES

Available in 75cl.

BOTTLE WEIGHT 630g (75cl)

ALCOHOL 13.5 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR

< 3 g/l

QUALITY

We practice sustainable agricultural methods certified by the SATIVA institute.