

## Vallado Três Melros Douro Red 2020

At Quinta do Vallado one can often observe three "Melros" - the common blackbird, and the protected species white-throated dipper and blue rock thrush - wich served as inspiration for the name and label of this wine.

Aroma: Concentrated, with balsamic oak notes and red fruits.

**Taste:** Good stucture with mature round tannins followed by a long, persistent and fresh finish.

**Vinification:** The grapes were hand-picked and fermented in 10.000 kg and 5.000 kg stainless steel tanks and a small part in granite "lagares". The grapes fermented under controlled temperature varying between 23<sup>a</sup> and 25<sup>a</sup>C with mechanical remontage for one week.

Varieties: Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Sousão and old vines.

**Ageing:** 25% aged for 16 months in 225 litres French oak barrels; the remaining 75% aged for the same period in stainless steel tanks.

Bottling date: September 2022

Number of bottles: 33 000 btls 75cl

Alcohol: 13,5° Total Acidity: 5,1 g/dm<sup>3</sup> Residual Sugar: < 0,6 g/dm<sup>3</sup> pH: 3,77

Winemaker: Francisco Olazabal & Francisco Ferreira

