

Man has played an essential part in creating wines that have transported us to greater heights of pleasure and satisfaction. It is with our work, knowledge and dedication, that the greatest flavours and aromas have been created. Combined with our century old experience, our sensitivity and our capacity to hand make all the different blends that go into each one of these bottles of wine, we want to transform the experience of Port to a different level.



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VZ DOURO WHITE 2021

CONDITIONS

The viticulture year of 2020/2021 can be resumed to a normal and dry year.

The lack of rainfall through March in all the region enhanced the very reduced action of mildium infections. Mild temperatures during Spring and Summer originated good conditions for the development of oidium, which made it imperative to activate protective and curative treatments to avoid oidium's action affecting the healthy development and maturity of the grapes.

In spite of a very dry March and May, the rainfall all through winter allowed a very healthy and normal development of the vines through their cycle and also that of the grapes through its maturity period, even with a dry and hot month of August.

Some rainfall in September helped to close the maturity cycle of the grapes and the final production volume in the Douro region ended a little above average.

In my experience of 42 vintages in the Douro, 2021 was the best quality and volume production ever in our CV - Curriculum Vitae White and Red Douro wines' vineyards and one of the best quality production from our white grapes' farmers for our VZ Douro White. The grapes were healthy, full of flavour and made incredibly fresh white juices, producing memorable wines.

For the Douro Reds, full of black fruity flavours, very intense in dark red and violet colours, balanced acidity and impressive structure.

Our Ports are also very impressive and dark, full of fresh fruit and structure.

At Van Zellers & Co. picking for the white grapes went from the 2nd to the 8th of September and for our red grapes from the 10th to the 30th of September 2021.

GRAPE VARIETIES

This wine is produced with indigenous Douro grape varieties, found in older vineyards, grown in the Murça district at around 500m altitude. This wine is Crafted by Hand, which means that the blending of different vineyards and varieties is one of the most important parts of its winemaking. Grape varieties include an old vineyard (around 70 years of age), blended with Viosinho, Rabigato, Códega de Larinho, Gouveio and Arinto.

BOTTLING DATE

September 2022 (5,302 X 750ml and 401 X 1500ml)

TASTING NOTES

Van Zellers & Co 2021 VZ Douro White has an outstanding expression of tropical fruits and citrus fruits, such as pineapple, apples, limes and orange blossom flower. It is fresh and vibrant, with density and depth supported by the barrel fermentation and ageing. It will age beautifully in bottle and is ideally paired with soft cheeses, seafood or codfish dishes.

WINEMAKERS

Cristiano van Zeller and Joana Pinhão

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Region: Douro

Soil: Schist

Alcohol: 12%

pH: 3,35

Volatile Acidity: 0,3 g/dm³

Total Acidity: 6,7 g/dm³

Total SO₂: 126 mg/dm³

Total Sugars: 1,26 g/dm³