

# VAN ZELLERS & Co

SINCE 1620

THE OLDEST  
PORT WINE FAMILY

## OLD VINES

Preserving and protecting the diversity of the Portuguese wine heritage, a vast array of grape varieties totaling 342 throughout the national territory, is fundamental to ensure that Portuguese wines are distinctive. In the Douro, this wealth is found in the old vineyards, where it is common to find 10 or more grape varieties in a single plot. Nourishing and preserving these old vines is the way to protect the natural cultural heritage that makes this region unique.

The great advantage of an old vineyard is fundamentally its ability to produce fruit with excellent concentration that gives rise to high quality wines with a better balance between acidity and tannins, giving them better structure and greater complexity.

Over the years, these vineyards have adapted to the climate, and have suffered shocks and fluctuations in temperature, rain fall, strong winds and natural disasters such as hail or fires. They resisted pests and adapted to the hands of the different farmers who pruned or harvested them. All these processes created greater resilience in these plants.

As viticulturalists, our biggest task is to balance the environment and ensure that ecosystems proliferate, so that the vineyard can also flourish and bear its best fruit. We believe in regenerative viticulture, which focuses on the soil, and ancient practices. We increase the biodiversity of wild plants that grow around our vineyards, thus improving soil nutrients, water retention in the soil, porosity, and soil respiration, which also helps in the sequestration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the soil. Through careful observation of the vineyard and studies of soil nutrients, we work more on prevention than on reaction, and thus, we reduce the use of herbicides and pesticides.

As winemakers, we know that today we have a multitude of grape varieties, some more studied than others, some more forgotten, others more publicized, which, together, or as a field blend, produce wines that are unrepeatable and where the terroir and the grape varieties come together. They are what we consider a melody full of harmony. This heritage, based on diversity, is a source of pride for those who dedicate themselves to this work that respects the past and the teachings we received, and is a responsibility in the work we do to preserve them to deliver something better than what we received.

### **About Van Zellers & Co**

Van Zellers & Co is a family-owned Port and Douro DOC company, with a history that dates to 1620. With 400 years in the wine trade, 2020 was a challenging yet important year for us, as it marked the relaunch of Van Zellers & Co, inspired by our past, thought out for the future and sustained by Cristiano van Zeller's deep knowledge of the region. 14<sup>th</sup> generation in the wine trade, Cristiano has dedicated his life to the Douro and its wines, first at his family estate Quinta do Noval, then in the development of different projects in the region, namely Quinta Vale D. Maria until 2020. Today the company also

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counts with Francisca van Zeller in Marketing and Exports and João van Zeller in national sales.

Van Zellers & Co focuses on producing top-quality premium wines and Ports from vineyards that best express the traditions and diversity of the Douro region and maintains its young spirit through dynamic and creative exchange of ideas, partnerships and associations. We practice regenerative viticulture, taking many lessons from ancient practices. Our work focuses on preserving the balance of the soil as the basis for healthy vines and their surrounding environment. The quality of the more than 35 grape varieties is then best expressed in our wines Crafted by Nature, Crafted by Hand or Crafted by Time.

Van Zellers & Co yearly bottlings of Ports are pre-defined and limited in quantity to maintain the high quality and ageing of each style. The bottlings of Douro DOC wines are limited by nature and to what each vineyard produces. The company currently has 16 hectares of vineyards on the banks of the River Torto, Vale do Pinhão and Murça, and in 2022 produced a total of 57,000 bottles.

## List of Old Vine Wines

### 1. VZ Douro White

**From different old vineyards in the valley from which we buy the grapes**

Ages of Vines: Average 70 Years of Age

Suggested Retail Price (PT): 22,50€

### 2. VZ Douro Red

**Valença vineyard**

Ages of Vines: Average 40 Years of Age

Suggested Retail Price (PT): 22,50€

### 3. CV Curriculum Vitae Douro White

**From an old vineyard that we rent**

Ages of Vines: Average 70 Years of Age

Suggested Retail Price (PT): 80,00€

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## **4. CV Curriculum Vitae Douro Red Vinha das Silvas**

Ages of Vines: Average 100 Years of Age

Suggested Retail Price (PT): 100,00€

## **5. VAN ZELLERS & Co Vintage Port Alampassa vineyard**

Ages of Vines: Average 35 years of age

Suggested Retail Price (PT): 100,00€

## **6. VAN ZELLERS & Co Late Bottled Vintage Valença vineyard**

Age of the Vines: Average 35 years of age

Suggested Retail Price (PT): 22,50€

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