



Quinta de Ventozelo

Touriga Franca

WINE:	Quinta de Ventozelo Touriga Franca
TYPE:	Red Wine
DENOMINATION:	Douro DOC
VINTAGE:	2003
GRAPE VARIETY:	Touriga Franca (100%)
COUNTRY:	Portugal

The Estate: Quinta de Ventozelo is one of the oldest quintas in the Douro region, as well as one of the biggest and best located. Until the property was bought by Proinsa, it was producing Porto wine in bulk for big shippers from Vila Nova de Gaia. In the past, many of the international award-winning Porto wines had been made from grapes grown in Quinta de Ventozelo. Such a successful past led the current owners to produce wines under their own brand name. Quinta de Ventozelo is, therefore, new in terms of marketing, but old in tradition and success.



The Wine: Clear red colour. Fruity, elegant and balanced with floral notes, especially violets. Enjoy this pure single-varietal wine which is ready to drink now, yet has the potential to develop for at least 5 years after bottling: serve with cold cuts, cheeses, lamb and turkey.

Vinification: Fermentation and maceration take place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature during 8 to 10 days, without de-stemming. 100% of the wine ages in American oak barrels for 8 months. The wine is lightly filtered, and then bottled at Quinta de Ventozelo. It rests in the bottle for a minimum of 6 months before it is released to the market.

Press: *Wine Enthusiast*, December 2005 (2003 Vintage) **86 Points**

Smoky, toasty and vanilla-laden on the nose, but turns juicy and filled with cherry-berry fruit in the mouth. Medium-bodied, with more vanilla and some dry, woody notes on the finish. *Wine Enthusiast*, December 2005, Joe Czerwinski.



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