



Quinta de Ventozelo

Vintage Porto

WINE:	Vintage Porto
TYPE:	Ruby Porto
DENOMINATION:	Douro DOC
VINTAGE:	2000
GRAPE VARIETY:	Touriga Nacional Touriga Franca Tinta Roriz Tinta Barroca Tinto Cao
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. The Quinta sits on more than 600 hectares (1480 acres) with more than a mile of Douro river frontage. The vineyard area covers 200 hectares, all of it classified with the letter "A" (highest ranking). For most of its history the Quinta produced Port wine in bulk for big shippers from Vila Nova de Gaia. Over the years, many award-winning Ports and Douro table wines have been made from grapes grown in Quinta de Ventozelo. Such a successful past led the current owners to begin producing wines under their own brand name in 1999. Quinta de Ventozelo is, therefore, new in terms of marketing, but old in tradition and success.



The Wine: The deep purple color will turn to red-brown as it ages. On the nose, intense ripe blackberries and sweet cassis fruit. On the mouth, dense rich fruit and tannins followed by a long, powerful finish. Serve with blue cheese, mature cheddar, nuts, chocolate and coffee desserts.

Vinification: Fermentation takes place in traditional *lagares* at the Quinta. Grapes are foot-crushed, without de-stemming: grape skins and stems are mixed with the must to extract the maximum amount of aromas, colour and flavours. When the ideal residual sugar levels are achieved, the young wine is fortified by adding 100% natural grape brandy, stopping the alcoholic fermentation and preserving the grape natural sugars. Barrel-ageing: In stainless steel tanks for 2 years, to preserve the maximum purity of the wine. The wine is bottled without filtration at Quinta de Ventozelo.

Press: The Wine Advocate, **88 points**: Generous quantities of sweet cassis and blackberry fruit are present in this medium-bodied, soft, straightforward but delicious vintage port. While not a heavyweight, it is well made and ideal for drinking between 2005-2015. *Robert Parker*.