

Quinta do Passadouro[®]

is located in the world-renowned Douro Valley, on the left bank of the Pinhão River just 8 km from the picturesque Pinhão village.

The owners of this estate are the Bohrmann family (of German and Belgium origin) in partnership with Jorge Seródio Borges, Quinta do Passadouro's director and winemaker.

Born in Porto in May 1973, Jorge was born into a family of winemaking. His grandfather was a great taster and blender of Port Wine and Jorge grew up among vineyards and wineries of the Douro Valley.

Jorge's underlying philosophy for his wines is to achieve balance, with ripeness being particularly important, and the retention of good levels of acidity. According to Jorge the tannic nature of many of the indigenous grape varieties can be a potential problem if ripe fruit, acidity and the character of the terroir through the quality of the fruit, are not managed well.

In 2009 Jorge was considered at Wine Magazine (Portuguese publication) as the Winemaker of the Year. In the same year he

and his wife Sandra Tavares da Silva (Winemaker) were invited to attend the Virgin Islands Winemakers Dinner, where one of the dinners was hosted on Richard Branson's private island. Jancis Robinson described Jorge and his wife Sandra as

"...the most talented winemakers..."



The vines at Passadouro are grafted with indigenous varieties from the Douro, like **touriga nacional, touriga franca, tinta roriz, sousão, tinta barroca**. Over the last few years, large investments were made to modernize the vineyards and install modern winery equipment in order to produce high quality table wines. The port wines, however, are still 100% "foot trodden" in traditional granite "lagares".

ROBERT PARKER RATINGS FOR QUINTA DO PASSADOURO

2009 - Quinta do Passadouro Branco: '88
2008 - Quinta do Passadouro Passa: '86
2008 - Quinta do Passadouro Reserva: '92
2007 - Quinta do Passadouro Reserva: '92
2005 - Quinta do Passadouro Reserva: '90
2004 - Quinta do Passadouro Reserva: '93
2008 - Quinta do Passadouro Tinto: '89
2007 - Quinta do Passadouro Tinto: '90
2007 - Quinta do Passadouro Vintage Port: '89
1992 - Quinta do Passadouro Vintage Port: '92

Old Port Tradition:

When sitting around a table the decanter of port is placed in front of the host who then serves the guest to his right and then passes the decanter to the guest on his left. The port is then passed to the left all the way back to the host. It may only move clock-wise around the table, from Port to Port.



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Owner: Bohrmann family
Location: Douro, Sub-region, Cima Corgo
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