



QUINTA DA ROMANEIRA DECLARES 2018 VINTAGE PORT

Christian Seely, managing director of Quinta da Romaneira, comments,

"We are very happy to announce the declaration of the Quinta da Romaneira 2018 Vintage Port. Romaneira is one of the major historic Port wine quintas of the Douro Valley, and great Ports have been produced here since the 18th century. The past fifteen years have marked the rebirth of Romaneira as one of the highest quality quintas in the Douro. During this time we have established a reputation as a producer of the highest quality red and white unfortified wines, but a third of the production of our 85 hectare vineyard is still devoted to Port wines, trodden in stainless steel lagares in our modern winery, construction of which was completed in 2006. From the 2018 harvest, we selected a small proportion of our Port production to make the blend for this wine, which we consider will be a milestone in the re-establishing of Romaneira's historic reputation for making great Vintage Port.

Like 2017, 2018 was a year of low yields, but for different reasons. 2017 was a year of extreme drought, while 2018 was marked in the first part of the year by heavy rainfall. This meant that potential yields were naturally much reduced by the difficulties of the flowering period. Subsequently however, a long hot dry summer ensued. Water levels in the soil had been replenished, and the result of this excellent ripening period on a low yield is evident in the 2018 Quinta da Romaneira Vintage Port, which is magnificently ripe, with profound colour, expressive intense rich fruit, and a wonderful underlying freshness. The nose is very characteristic of Romaneira, wild and aromatic, like taking a walk through the Quinta. The finish is fine long and delicate."

555 cases of the 2018 Quinta da Romaneira Vintage Port were bottled.

