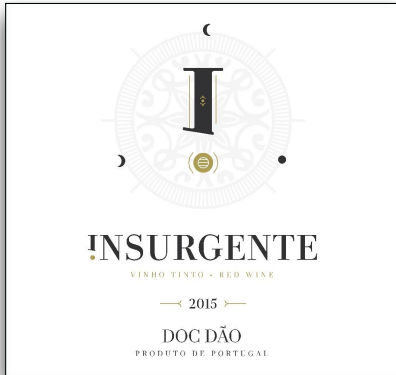




‘Insurgente’ Vinho Tinto, Dão 2016



Producer: Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas

Winemaker: Francisco Baptista

Grape varieties: 70% Touriga Nacional, 30% Alfrocheiro

Region: D.O.C. - Dão (sub-regions of Serra da Caramulo and Serra da Estrela)

Soil: Granitic soil

Weather: Long wet winters, provide excellent reserves of H₂O for the very hot and dry summers

Viticulture: Practicing organic (no use of pesticides, herbicides or fungicides).

Vinification: Harvested in 22 kg boxes. De-stemmed and lightly crushed, 12 hours pre-maceration fermentation via wild yeast in concrete lagares; post-fermentation maceration in stainless steel over 90 days (naturally fermented, with minimal intervention.)

Alcohol: 14%

Acidity: 4.87 g/L

Residual Sugar: 1.2 g/L

pH: 3.80

Tasting Note: Color: Deep red color Aroma: Very intense and complex aroma. Ripe red fruit and balsamic notes, remembering pinewood and eucalyptus. Palate: Very elegant and structured, great mouthfeel, freshness. Finish: Long with lingering notes of ripe fruit and fresh, balsamic, mint.

Gastronomic pairings: Mediterranean cuisine, barbecue, grilled meat and fish, pasta, and mild soft cheeses.

In terms of people and wine, this project of Francisco's is seeking to distinguish itself from what many consider good enough, fine, and appropriate. The questions one must ask: "Why go just far enough when the option to excel is at hand?" "When it comes to what you drink, how is anything ok to be compared to those bottles we recall as great wines?" "I would like to make a great wine," says Francisco. And so he did just that.

Influenced by the harsh microclimate of the Serra da Estrela and Serra da Caramulo, Insurgente Dao Tinto delivers us the all the rawness of the dry mountain summer sun...and all the granitic tension and purity of fruit one can mine there. Leaving the wine unoaked was perfect punctuation.

Dão, among the oldest demarcated (DOC) wine regions in Portugal (1908), is located between the Mondego and the Dão rivers in the Northern-Central part of the country, a extremely mountainous region with a temperate climate. The vineyard region herein is located primarily on a plateau that is sheltered on three sides by the granite mountain ranges of Serra da Estrela, Serra do Caramulo and Serra da Nave. The region experiences abundant rainfall in the winter months and long, warm dry summers leading up to harvest. The region's vineyards are planted on sandy well-drained soil on top of granite rock. The area can be susceptible to wildfires but the grower's risk is metered by the high quality grape they can cultivate here...
