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When Nature is giving, we should, first of all, feel blessed. Then, we should feel responsible and, if possible, make what we have even better.

The History of Paço dos Cunhas is, in itself, an exemple of how giving Nature can be. We have had the privilege of taking care of that gift. That is what we did, over ten years ago, when we decided to revive Paço dos Cunhas. We kept on improving the material heritage of this place, recovered the vines and gave them life. With determination, we decided to promote and keep this heritage, giving it shape through the wines that we created, making them special, unique and recognized here as well as outside our borders. With criteria, harvest after harvest, we selected, with great care, the wines that bear the name of Paço dos Cunhas Vinha do Contador. We only present wines that transmit the philosophy from Paço dos Cunhas. Special and unique wines that respect the "terroir" and stand out due to their characteristic details and the precision of the wine making and viticulture of those that work on them from vineyard to bottle, in their long journey.

FOUNDATION: 1609

Vineyard Area: 32Ha (Vinha do Contador occupies 7Ha).

100% Biologic Vineyard

Planted Varieties:

Red: Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz and Alfrocheiro.

Whites: Encruzado, Malvasia Fina and Cerceal Branco.











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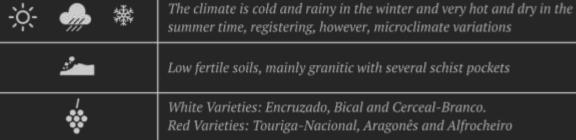












Dão D.O.C. (Demarcated Wine Region) was established in 1908. It is located in the centre-north Portugal, Beira Alta province. It was the country's first demarcated region for still wines. This region is also known as the 'Portuguese Burgundy'.

Altitude- The vineyards predominate between 400m to 500m, with some going to 800m.

Mountains - The irregularities of the ground, surrounded by a set of major mountain ranges (Serra do Caramulo, Buçaco, Serra da Nave and Serra da Estrela), shelter it from outside influences.

Rivers- Rivers as Dão, Mondego and Alva, contribute to good irrigation and are an important factor in the existence of microclimates.

Vineyards - Small-scale vineyards shared with, mainly, Pinewood trees forest.



HISTORY NEVER REPEATS ITSELF

We knew that Vinha do Contador Red Grande Júri 2011 would mark the beginning of a new era for Paço dos Cunhas and for the region of Dão, but, in 2018, we could never imagine how the world would change.

In 2020, we couldn't organize live events and in 2021 we had to adapt to this new reality, postponing endlessly the date of the second event for this Grande Júri, our ultimate quality test. Now, it was even harder to gather again an international panel, but not impossible. And, this time, we would submit to their judgement not only one, but two wines, one red and one white.

Therefore, on June 22, 2021, the jurors arrived at Dão, so that, the next morning, we could place our two wines under their scrutiny.

Knowing that History never repeats itself, we were confident, and presented firstly the white wine, that had already conquered the tasting chamber of our regional commission, winning the highest title of the region, "Nobre".

Then, we submitted the red, a magnificent Dão from 2013, a challenging year, that still left us confident of our success.



VINHA DO CONTADOR GRANDE JÚRI 2021



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VINHA DO CONTADOR GRANDE JÚRI













THE LANDMARK AT VINHA DO CONTADOR

One of the main traits of the people from Beira is their discretion.

Surrounded by tall mountains, in Dão, we learn to be discreet. The vineyards are surrounded by big pine wood forests and the beautiful gardens are mostly protected by high walls around the estates. The same happens at Paço dos Cunhas. Surrounded by granite walls, we have our beautiful gardens and our incredibly special vineyard, Vinha do Contador.

Such a vineyard deserves some recognition. To that end, on June 23, 2021, we unveiled a granite landmark with the crest of Paço dos Cunhas to mark the beginning of Vinha do Contador.

We are more than keepers of the history of Paço dos Cunhas. We want to increase that history and carry it with us into the future, with new events, new elements and moments that set our paths, in a legacy ever more filled with new and exiting challenges.







GRANDE JÚRI RED 2013

We started the tasting of the red wine with the weight of the responsibility to continue what we began in 2018, when we created this event and were granted the title on the first try.

If 2011 was a perfect harvest all around the country that created great wines, 2013 was a difficult year, that forced the viticulturists to work extra hard and to care for a particularly complex harvest. In difficult and less abundant years, it takes knowledge and experience to pick the best clusters and most resilient grapes. In these years, the terroirs are even more important and we knew that we could count on Vinha do Contador.

The setting was given through a tasting of the 2009 and 2011 harvests, the last already a Grande Júri, born from a perfect harvest. Only then could the jury taste and rate the new red from 2013, born from a complicated year. With the tasting done, around midday, we started the count. With a final score of 96,31 points, the 2013 red surpassed the white and the first Grande Júri, proving that it was born to be an extraordinary wine.









ROBERT PARKER 93 PTS | 2013 Harvest . Nov / 2021 ROBERT PARKER 94 PTS | 2011 Harvest . Aug / 2017

WINE ENTHUSIAST 94 PTS | 2011 Harvest Oct / 2022 WINE ENTHUSIAST 94 PTS | 2009 Harvest Oct / 2016

JAMES SUCKLING 92 PTS | 2013 Harvest Fev / 2022

REVISTA DE VINHOS 18,5 BEST OF THE YEAR PTS | 2013 Harvest Fev / 2022

VINHA DO CONTADOR GRANDE JÚRI

RED WINE. 1 X 750 ml



VINHA DO CONTADOR GRANDE JÚRI RED WINE. 1 X 750 ml



GRANDE JÚRI DÃO NOBRE WHITE 2015

The tasting started with the harvests from 2009 and 2014, that let the panel understand the philosophy and history of our brand and the wine profile of our wines at Paço dos Cunhas. Only then did they taste the 2015 harvest and gave their opinion on whether this year was special, within the profile and the aging potential as well as its potential to be a great white wine from Dão, worthy of the showing the title of Grande Júri on its label.

On June 23, 2021, at the end of the morning, the score give to our white wine was 95,23 points and, in that moment, the first white Vinha do Contador Grande Júri was born. A twice exalted white wine, that shall bear in its label the titles of Grande Júri and Dão Nobre.

Hence, as the jurors tasted the red wine, we manually prepared the labels for the first bottles from Vinha do Contador Grande Júri White Dão Nobre 2015, that would be presented at the end of the morning.





ROBERT PARKER 93 PTS | 2015 Harvest . Nov / 2020

WINE ENTHUSIAST 92 PTS | 2015 Harvest Jan / 2022

JAMES SUCKLING 93 PTS | 2015 Harvest Fev / 2022

REVISTA DE VINHOS 18,5 PTS i 2015 Harvest Jul / 2021

VINHA DO CONTADOR GRANDE JÚRI DÃO NOBRE WHITE WINE. 1 x 750 ml





VINHA DO CONTADOR GRANDE JÚRI DÃO NOBRE NOBRE

WHITE WINE. 3 x 750 ml







VINHA DO CONTADOR OLD BRANDY 1 x 50 cl





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