



ESTABLISHED 1880

RAMOS PINTO

BONS ARES Red 2017

PORTO & DOURO

*"A wine with a broad complexity of polished
and refined aromas ..."*

THE WINE

The Bons Ares vineyard is located on one of the rare granite outcrops of the Douro region, where the sandy loam soils and the high altitude (600m) give the grapes freshness and structure and an aromatic potential that is unique in this region. A classic signed Casa Ramos Pinto since 1992.

THE YEAR

2017 was marked by a very dry Winter and high Spring temperatures, so the harvest was very early. At Quinta dos Bons Ares, which enjoys lower temperatures and cooler nights during the summer and until the end of maturation, the grapes ripened quickly but in a balanced way. This year was characterised by very healthy grapes, with great aromatic potential and mature tannins.

WINEMAKING

Plot by plot and variety by variety, the grapes were tasted on site until the ideal time was found for the harvest. Once in the winery, the grapes were destemmed, crushed and put in concrete vats for fermentation. Following alcoholic fermentation, the skin remained in contact with the wine over a long period, until attaining the desired sensation of volume and tannin polymerisation.

After malolactic fermentation, 60% of the wine aged for 28 months in two- and three-year old French oak casks and barrels, and 40% in concrete vats. After being bottled in early 2019, the wine aged for about one year. This long ageing period, both in the winery and in the bottle, resulted in a vivacious 'adult' wine with its characteristic aromatic bouquet and structure.

TASTING NOTES

Garnet in colour, clean and bright. Very vivacious and fresh on the nose, with aromas of red berries, such as strawberry and blackcurrant, and the freshness of newly mown grass. Deeper down, there are sweet, mature aromas of violet, and subtle evolved aromas of compote. At first tasting it is light and elegant with notes of red fruits, while the finish is long and vibrant, the acidity being perfectly involved with the mature tannins.

This wine presents a broad complexity of polished and refined aromas, with great ageing potential, given both its ageing in the winery and in the bottle. This is definitely another Douro, not only because of the soil and the altitude, but also because of its grapes.

GASTRONOMY

Bons Ares Red is ideal with strong meat dishes such as grilled porterhouse steak or grilled red meat. It can also be paired with vegetarian lasagne.



GRAPE VARIETIES

Cabernet Sauvignon (45%)
Touriga Nacional (40%)
Touriga Francesa (15%)

STORAGE

Guardar a garrafa deitada em local fresco, seco e ao abrigo da luz.

TEMPERATURE

16°C – 18°C | 60,8°F – 64,4°F

Contains sulfites.
Alcohol 14,5%
Total Acidity 6,0 g/L
pH 3,47

