

WINE DROPS LDA.

Back in the day when Joana Pinhão and Rui Freire were at University together, they always spoke about the day that they would collaborate to make great wine. After graduation, they went on their own paths finding different oenological opportunities and experiences, but when Joanna found her ideal vineyard site, 10 years later, she gave Rui a call.



The vineyard, for her, harkened back to a winemaking heritage so common in the past, yet now endangered by EU money and general expansion threatening to uproot many of these ancient vines for a more productive harvest.

Located in Cima Corgo in the tiny parish of Porrais, Vinha do Candedo has a floor of pure schist and roots that are 70 plus years old. Traditionally this is a true field blend but the predominant grapes are Rabigato and Codega do Larinho. The vineyards produce wines of pure elegance. Wines that can handle time and maturity.

“Somnium” refers to the dream. The dream of the perfect vineyard, the perfect timing, the perfect collaboration. Rui and Joana hope someday for a red Somnium, but will be patient again for just the right vineyard.

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Varietal/Blend: two sites are both harvested as true Field Blend. Predominants are Rabigato & Códega do Larinho, but the mix includes Gouveio, Viosinho, Donselinho Branco, Malvasia Fina, and Folgazão

Farming: integrated protection

Soil: schist

Vine Age: 70

Yeast: indigenous

Fermentation: 100% destemmed and then 25+ days in 225L French Barrels

Altitude: 400m

Agging: 12 months in same used oak with battonage / 6 months in stainless steel / 12 months in bottle

Alcohol: 13%

Fined: no

Production #s: 1500-2000

The exposition of this vineyard NorthSouth orientation is important as this area, in the upper boundary of the Cima Corgo (almost Douro Superior)

Country: Portugal

Region: Douro

Sub Region: Cima Corgo

Vineyard: 2 sites in Vinha do Candedo in Porrais

Vineyard Size: two sites totaling 1 ha.