



CHRYSEIA DOURO

2000

Conditions

- moderate temperatures and low rainfall in winter
- rain during the flowering period led to poor berry set and to very low yield
 - very hot summer with two days of rain at the end of August
- fruit of excellent quality, hand-picked from September 13 to October 5

Grape origins

Symington family Quintas of Vesuvio, Malvedos, Bomfim and Vila Velha

Grape varieties

- Touriga Nacional : low yielding with a lot of complexity and finesse
 - Touriga Francesa: more tannic
 - *Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo)*
 - *Tinta Cao: interesting aromas*

Vinification

- each grape variety is vinified separately at optimum maturity
 - rigorous grape selection by hand on reception tables
 - the grapes are fully destemmed and slightly crushed
- fermentation in small thermo-regulated stainless steel tanks in the ultra modern Symington family winery at Quinta do Sol
 - regular pump-overs
- long maceration followed by malolactic fermentation

Ageing

8 months in 100% new French oak cask of 400 L

Fining

Egg white

Bottling

July 2001

Facts & Figures

Alcohol	13.3%Vol.
Total Acidity:	3.45 g/l (H ₂ SO ₄)
Volatile Acidity:	0.47 g/l (H ₂ SO ₄)
pH	3.67
Polyphenols (total index)	65
Press wine	6%
Coopers	Tonnellerie du Sud-Ouest
Production	35,600 bottles

In 2000, the final blend represents only 40% of the 125,000 kg of grapes that were vinified.

Winemakers

Bruno Prats & Charles Symington and Stéphane Point

Tasting note:

Deep ruby colour, showing signs of evolution. Complex bouquet of floral then fruity notes (black prune) leading to leather and tobacco.

Very fine on the palate, developing a full and balanced structure of integrated and fresh tannins.

Long and lingering finish; a very elegant wine with a great aromatic originality.

In the press

Poh Tiong, (Singapore) June/July 2002

THE WINE REVIEW- Excellent ****

Very ripe and rich. Already becoming velvety and bursting with fruit on every side of the wine. At the same time the tannins are very rich and gives the wine wonderful structure. There's acidity too although being so ripe and rich, it's not immediately obvious. A tremendous success for an inaugural launch.

Roger Voss, December 2002

WINE ENTHUSIAST- 92 Points -Best of Year 2002

It is a fully extracted wine, with purple colours and rich tannins, but it is also finely balanced and very elegant. Still young, with a dry finish, it should develop in a classic Bordeaux way...