



# CHRYSEIA DOURO

## 2003

### Conditions

- heavy rain in the autumn of 2002 and in January 2003
  - higher than average temperatures in March
- in May, climatic conditions extremely beneficial to the flowering and berry set
  - hot and dry summer bringing good concentration
- rainfall in August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> played a key role in improving fruit quality
  - manual picking from September 18 to October 9

### Grape origins

Symington family Quintas of Vesuvio, Vila Velha and Bomfim

### Grape varieties

- Touriga Francesa: full, structured and tannic
- Touriga Nacional : early ripening, low yielding with a lot of complexity and finesse
  - *Tinta Cao*: later ripening, less coloured, 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

12 months in 100% new French oak cask of 350 and 400 L

### Fining

Egg white

### Bottling

November 2004

### Facts & Figures

Alcohol	14%Vol.
Total Acidity:	3.3 g/l (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )
Volatile Acidity:	0.60 g/l (H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> )
pH	3.63
Polyphenols (total index)	69
Press wine	5.7%
Coopers	TSO, Tarransaud
Production	38,400 bottles

In 2003, the final blend represents 47% of the 135,000 kg of grapes that were vinified.

### Winemakers

Bruno Prats & Charles Symington and Stéphane Point

### Tasting note:

Deep ruby colour, bright and intense.

The nose combines wood and vanilla notes with ripe prune and a touch of chocolate and coffee.

On the palate, the wine is mouth-filling and tasty with soft (almost sweet) tannins.

Lingering and soft finish, with a touch of wood still present. A balanced, harmonious and powerful wine.

### In the press

*Kim Marcus*

#### **WINE SPECTATOR – 92 Points**

Powerful and ripe, like a dry Port, with loads of dark plum, dark cherry, dark chocolate and vanilla flavors. Intense, with plenty of tannins, but within bounds and showing an underlying sense of finesse and elegance. Just a baby now. Best from 2007 through 2011. 3,205 cases made.

#### **JANCISROBINSON.COM – 18 Points**

Very healthy, floral perfume. Great smoothness and elegance. Tannins very, very well hidden. Very very gently brought up. No rough edges at all. Extremely suave! This would be very difficult to identify if tasted blind – Bordeaux or Portugal?.