



## PAST VINTAGES

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### Vinhas Velhas Red 2005

CSPC# 725368

750mlx6

13.0% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	100% Baga
<b>Winemaker</b>	Luis & Filipa Pato
<b>Vineyards</b>	Grown in chalky-clay soils on vines with an average age of forty years.
<b>Harvest</b>	In the end of August it was made a first harvest, to produce sparkling Wine from the same grapes, of about 60%, to increase the concentration and anticipate the maturation of the grapes left in the vine to harvest in the end of September to produce this Vinhas Velhas.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	Vinified in stainless steel vats during ten days, it was matured in used casks (650 litres of capacity) during fifteen months.
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Lovely focused broad dark cherry and black fruit nose. Spicy, complex and intense. The palate has nice fresh savoury dark fruits with great intensity and an earthy spiciness.
<b>Serve with</b>	To be dished up with gamey meats as well as others red meat dishes.
<b>Cellaring</b>	This delicious wine is dense and structured with good acidity: should age well. It will last more than fifteen years.
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>91 points</b> - Tom Firth, Wine Access - November 10, 2011 <b>88 points</b> - Mark Squires, Wine Advocate #177 - June 2008 <b>18 points</b> - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com
<b>Reviews</b>	<i>"The 2005 VINHAS VELHAS is a blend of three different vineyards. Although designated as an "old vines" bottling, it should not be confused with the definition of Old Vines that Pato's Vinha Barrosa uses, where the vines are more than 80 years old. In this bottling, the vines have an average age of 30 years. It is mainly sourced from Quinta do Moinho. It is seductively textured, with the acidity popping up only after the wine first caresses the palate. At that point it is indeed quite bright, and produces a certain mouth watering reaction. The tannins provide some added intensity, but are reasonably ripe and well controlled. The mid-palate is elegant, giving the wine a certain laid back demeanor. It sometimes seems a bit foursquare. Drink now-2018."</i> - MS, Wine Advocate
	<i>"The Vinhas Velhas is produced from 40 year old vines and 100% baga. Deep red in the glass, the nose features prominent herbal aromas, with a lifted alcohol presence over cherry and blackberry fruits. Iodine, cane, violet, sage, mint leaf and tea leaf flavours are all well-integrated on the palate, with loads of tannin that slightly overwhelm the fruit. Bitter chocolate, coffee, pipe tobacco and much more on the mid-palate, leading into a long and earthy finish. Should age well through 2015 to 2020. It will complement hard cheese, game, stews and smoked sausage."</i> - TF, Wine Access

