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Product: Red Wine Nossa Missão Baga pre-phylloxera	Vintage: 2019
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Grape(s):	Baga (100%)						
Matured in oak, months:	18	Matured in bottle, prior to release:	2 years	Alcohol content % vol.:	12.5	Organic / Bio Certification:	Certified Bio by Ecocert
						Biodynamic Certification:	Biodynamic by Demeter
Tot. acid content g/I (tartaric acid):	6.35	Tot. sugar content g/I:	0.5	Fining agent:	No	Contains sulphites:	Yes

Production, Vinification technics:

The very small "Missão" vineyard is a 0.57 ha plot of old (over 150 years old) pre-phylloxera Baga vines. The production is 1-2 bunches per vine which in 2019 resulted in 493 bottles, 36 magnums and 7 Jeroboam.

The grapes are meticulously harvested and sorted by hand in the vineyard. Part of the grapes are destemmed and the use of whole clusters depends on the vintage. Only indigenous yeasts are used. The grapes are daily pushed down with a lot of care for 3 weeks, in order to extract the colour, tannins and aromas from the grapes.

When the alcoholic fermentation is complete, the wine is drained naturally by gravity. The marc is pressed slowly and gently to extract an exceptionally pure press wine. The wine is aged for 18 months in a traditional pipa (500 l).

Origin and classification:

Bairrada DOC from Portugal.

Soil/Climate, etc.:

The vineyard is set on a mild incline oriented to the East, its soils consist of shallow limestone with red clay and pebbles.

Winemaker's Notes:

The "Missão" is remarkable for its very pure expression of Baga! It is our "Royal Majesty"! This is a really special place that we were lucky to find! There are not so many plots of pre-phylloxera Baga vines left in Bairrada. Baga doesn't get better than this... it will show its real potential after a good time in the bottle.

Lately, we tasted a wine from this area from the 80s and it showed enormous energy, even glorious and had a magnificent structure. It was an extremely noble wine - certainly, if you know it was made in very basic conditions.

Colour:

The colour is dark but bright intense dark cherry red colour with a purple rim and great viscosity.

Bouquet:

The aromas are reminiscent of violet strawberries with subtle stone, a bit of spice and sandalwood when the wine is young. After 7-9 years, these aromas become extremely complex, with lots of good energy and concentration.

Taste:

The tannins are smooth, although very much alive. Silk and velvet match the liveness of the acidity. The structure on the middle palate is very consistent. The lingering and long aftertaste is amazingly elegant, complex and refreshing. The finish is really juicy and fresh.

Gastronomic Accompaniments:

At the table, it will match heavenly with refined game dishes (fillet of deer, wild boar), pigeon, duck, fillet of beef or veal, braised sweetbread, never too spicy. A creamy risotto with wild mushrooms could be great. Creamy cheeses with a full flavoured character (buttery Queijo da Serra da Estrela, Brie de Meaux, Coulommiers, Chaource, Brillat Savarin, ...)

Recommended further maturing (by the consumer, months):

This wine should age very well over more than 35 years, serve it at 16–18° C in elegant glasses. When young, it is better to aerate in a wide-open decanter.

Press notes:

- 30/11/2022 Mark Squires Robert Parker Wine Advocate 2019 Filipa Pato Nossa Missão Baga 96/100
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- 01/2021 Revista de Vinhos Melhor de Portugal 2020 Best of Portugal 2020
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- 02/04/2019 Sarah Ahmed The Wine Detective April Wines of the Month: an Austrian Riesling & Bairrada Baga terroir! 2015 Filipa Pato & William Wouters Nossa Missão 2015 (Bairrada)
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