

2021 Filipa Pato & William
Wouters Nossa Missão

The 2021 Nossa Missão mentions Baga pre-phylloxera on the label, as it comes from a single-vineyard Baga from vines believed to be 160 years old (planted in 1864!) on stony limestone soils. The vineyard was abandoned when they took over from the previous owner, who was very sad to not be able to work it, because it was planted by his great grandfather. They cleaned the soils, did a short pruning and brought it back to life. The grapes fermented with part of full clusters with indigenous yeasts, and there were punch-downs for three weeks. It aged for 18 months in a traditional "pipa" oak cask. It has a moderate 12.4% alcohol and a pH of 3.4 and seems to be the essence of Baga, extracting the DNA from the ancient vines through the juice from the grapes, showcasing the rustic character of the grape, with abundant tannins and acidity à la Barolo (old-style Barolo, that is). It's classical and earthy, with concentration and balance to develop for decades. It's a wine from the past. There's no rush to pull the cork. Only 671 bottles and 50

magnums produced. It was bottled in April 2023. There's no 2022 of this wine, but it will come back in 2023 and 2024.

- Luis Gutiérrez (November,
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