



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Sandra Tavares da Silva
and Jorge Serôdio Borges
Winemaker: Sandra Tavares da Silva and
Jorge Serôdio Borges
Total acreage under vine: 45
Estate founded: 2001
Winery production: 5,500 Bottles
Region: DOC Douro
Country: Portugal

Wine & Soul Pintas Character 2005

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pintas Character is made from a field blend of 30 different varieties from the 45-year old Vale de Mendiz vineyard adjacent to the 85-year old Pintas vineyard. Some of the varieties are the indigenous Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, and Touriga Nacional. The wine is fermented in traditional granite lagares and aged for 18 months in 50% new and 50% second-passage French oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES

Rich and powerful, this wine shows notes of raspberry, black cherry and plums. On the palate it is fresh and velvety with well integrated tannins and a long, persistent finish.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	The Vale de Mendiz vineyard
Vineyard size:	30
Soil composition:	Schist
Training method:	Bush
Elevation:	990-1,320 feet
Vines/acre:	2,000
Yield/acre:	1.6 tons
Exposure:	Northern / Southern
Year vineyard planted:	1970
Harvest time:	September
First vintage of this wine:	2005
Bottles produced of this wine:	5,500

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	A blend of 30 different indigenous grape varieties
Fermentation container:	Granite lagares
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	10 days
Fermentation temperature:	75 °F
Maceration technique:	Foot-trodden
Length of maceration:	10 days
Type of aging container:	Barriques
Size of aging container:	225 L
Age of aging container:	New-One year
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months