



SANDEMAN AND FERREIRA DECLARE 2019 VINTAGE

Press Release, 12th May 2021 – Sogrape has just announced the declaration of 2019 Sandeman Quinta do Seixo Vintage and 2019 Ferreira Quinta do Porto Vintage. These are two more promising releases, especially since their predecessors achieved international recognition, having been awarded 100 points by Wine Enthusiast.

Luís Sottomayor, head winemaker of Sogrape's Douro and Port wines and creator of these two 2019 Vintages, speaks of a truly remarkable year on both estates. *"After three hard years in terms of climate, 2019 was a good year, with a few interventions in the vineyards and quite different maturation phases. Maturations were smooth and uneventful. Everything happened in its due time, and the resulting wines perfectly mirror these conditions, reflected in their great quality."*

The wines reveal a straightforward character, with high quality fruit and a very clean aromatic expression. *"Each wine is a good example of the characteristics and potential of each estate where they are born,"* said Luís Sottomayor, adding that: *"the 2019 Sandeman Quinta do Seixo Vintage is a balanced wine, with a vivid, pleasant colour. The estate, on the left bank of the river, produced a fully balanced wine with elegance, harmony, a well-defined, fresh profile, and good acidity. Ferreira Quinta do Porto, sourced on the right bank, reveals more structure and volume. This estate's exposure, where maturations are more marked, has resulted in a more mature wine."*

It is important to note that these two Vintages follow in the footsteps of the extraordinary scores achieved by each brand's immediate predecessors in this category; 2017 Sandeman Quinta do Seixo Vintage, previous to this new release, was awarded 100 points by Wine Enthusiast magazine and Ferreira Quinta do Porto now follows Ferreira 2018 Vintage, also awarded 100 points by the same publication.