



Winners to be announced on 11 November

## **Luís Sottomayor nominated Winemaker of the Year by Wine Enthusiast**

**Press Release 07/10/2021 - The Head of Winemaking at Sogrape, responsible for the Douro and Port wines, is the only Portuguese winemaker among the finalists of the 2021 Wine Star Awards of the prestigious North American specialised magazine.**

In recognition of the proven quality of his work in producing the finest Port and Douro wines, Luís Sottomayor has been nominated for Winemaker of the Year at the Wine Enthusiast 2021 Wine Star Awards.

After more than three decades of success, Luís Sottomayor has led Sogrape's Douro Winemaking team since 2007, creating wines that have become true icons of the region and the country from Barca-Velha to the famous Porto Ferreira Vintages and Sandeman Tawnies.

Although he has worked in other national and international wine regions, his commitment to Port and Douro Wine earned him the Winemaker of the Year Award for Fortified Wines in 2010, awarded by Revista de Vinhos, one of the most prestigious Portuguese publications. In 2012 he was nominated for Winemaker of the Year at the renowned International Wine Challenge and was distinguished as Winemaker of the Year by Revista de Vinhos in 2012 and 2017. Always searching for the perfect wine, Luís has the challenge of overcoming himself at each harvest and this motto has already led three of his wines to be awarded 100 points by Wine Enthusiast in the past five years.

Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> edition, the Wine Enthusiast Wine Star Awards are one of the most important international awards in the wine industry, presented annually to individuals and companies that have contributed most to the sector. The Wine Enthusiast team selects the nominees for the 14 different categories, and the winners will be announced on 11 November at <https://www.winemag.com/>.

### **About Sogrape:**

Founded in 1942 by Fernando Van Zeller Guedes, Sogrape was born to demonstrate the quality of Portuguese wines to the world. From a single winery in the Douro Valley focused on the production of Mateus Rose, this family company has become global, with presence in more than 120 markets, owning c. 1,600 hectares of vineyards in Portugal, Spain, Chile, Argentina and New Zealand.

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Moved by the purpose of bringing Friendship and Happiness to everyone it touches through its wonderful wines, the family spirit and the peak performing team culture lived at Sogrape are key in the successful path that it has been building for almost 80 years.

Under the leadership of Fernando da Cunha Guedes, current President and 3rd generation of the founding family, the leading company in Portugal aims to spread Sograpiness through the world and be affirmed as a catalyst for positive societal change, respecting the limits of the planet in the construction of a more sustainable and inclusive future.

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