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Castas Escondidas Red 2019

CASA FERREIRINHA GIVES STAGE TO RARE VARIETIES SOURCED FROM THE DOURO REGION

Vila Nova de Gaia, 24 November, 2022 – Casa Ferreirinha is rolling out a new vintage of Castas Escondidas. A special wine comprised of uncommon varieties from the Douro Region, aiming to preserve biodiversity and translate the true *terroir* of the region.

Similar to the 2018 vintage, Castas Escondidas Red 2019 results from a *blend* of less known varieties, usually used in Port Wine blends, but seldom revealed, such as Tinta da Barca, Touriga-Fêmea, Tinta Francisca, Bastardo and Marufo, with other varieties, some of which with limited hectares planted in the Douro Region. About one quarter of the blend is sourced from grapes harvested in ancient vineyards, providing it with even more complexity and elegance.

Born in 2021 as a speciality wine, this is the second of many editions that Casa Ferreirinha hopes to release from Castas Escondidas, continuing an effort carried out to celebrate rare and uncommon varieties grown in the Douro for several generations, and that bear witness to a biodiversity and potential crucial to be preserved. Observing the outcome of these varieties in each harvest enables us to understand, and even predict, their future behaviour under the effect of climate change.

“In some cases, these are varieties that may even disappear. Therefore, this preservation effort gains higher relevance to Casa Ferreirinha and the Region. By introducing a wine, by bringing these rarities to life, we are preserving a heritage belonging to nature, while innovating and offer connoisseurs an unusual wine.” says Luís Sottomayor, head winemaker for Sogrape’s wines in the Douro.

Casa Ferreirinha Castas Escondidas Red 2019 matured for 18 months in French oak casks and it is ready for tasting, though it can also be kept as it will benefit from ageing three to five years in the bottle. For the first time, part of this wine was bottled in a Magnum format, with the release date set for 2023.

SRP*: €29.00

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