

ANTÓNIA ADELAIDE FERREIRA DOC DOURO RED 2020

SOGRAPE LAUNCHES NEW VINTAGE OF THE TRIBUTE WINE TO DONA ANTÓNIA

Press Release, 9 July, 2024 – Antónia Adelaide Ferreira DOC Douro Red 2020 is a wine which celebrates the legendary figure of Douro, released annually around the time of her birth date. Limited to only 4346 bottles, and already available on the market, this special edition brings together the terroirs that Antónia Adelaide Ferreira cherished so much – Cima Corgo and Douro Superior – presenting a wine with a character similar to hers: firm, complex, and elegant.

This tribute began in 2011 to celebrate Antónia Adelaide Ferreira's 200th birthday through the creation of a wine bearing her name, honouring the passion, determination, and vision of a quintessential personality in the history of the Douro Wine Region.

An unique wine aiming to reflect the life and work of Dona Antónia, a woman who became a symbol of leadership, entrepreneurship, and tenacity in the Douro, as well as an excellent example of altruism and generosity, engraved in the history of the country and the region. Antónia Adelaide Ferreira is remembered by everyone, and especially by the people of her land, for her courage, ambition, and business acumen, raising the Douro region beyond borders. Throughout her life, she consistently upheld the value of excellence, translated into continuous investment in new techniques related to wine production, careful ageing, and the maintenance of wine stocks for posterity.

Antónia Adelaide Ferreira Red 2020 has a ruby colour, an elegant and highly complex aroma with well-ripened red fruit, spicy notes of pepper and clove, balsamic hints of truffles and sous-bois, slightly stony with discreet, and with well-integrated wood. On the palate, it gains good volume, firm tannins, vibrant acidity, presence of red fruits, hints of pepper, and promises a very long and harmonious finish. *"This is an intense, full-bodied, voluminous wine with great complexity. After vinification, the final blends were carefully selected to showcase the quality of each terroir, thus allowing us to bottle the best of the Douro, paying due tribute to Dona Antónia, who did so much for this region,"* says Luís de Sottomayor.

To honour the winemaking and cultural heritage left by Dona Antónia, Sogrape is presenting another limited edition of the wine this year, which has already hit the market.

Along with this launch, the celebration of Dona Antónia's life and legacy is marked annually by the Dona Antónia Awards. This distinction highlights Portuguese women with life paths associated with the exceptional values of Antónia Adelaide Ferreira: leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, humanism, and social responsibility.

Antónia Adelaide Ferreira DOC Douro Red 2020

Amount produced: 4346 bottles

SRP*: €95.00

*Suggested, not binding

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 Region, focused in producing Mateus Rosé, this family company has become global, with presence in more than 120 markets, owning c. 1600 hectares of vineyards in Portugal, Spain, Chile, Argentina and New Zealand.

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 over 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.

About Antónia Adelaide Ferreira

Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira marked Portugal's 19th century history. Affectionately known as "Ferreirinha" by her fellow Douro countrymen, she was a woman ahead of her time. At the age of 33, she took over the family business, demonstrating leadership and becoming a symbol of entrepreneurship and Douro viticulture. With courage and ambition, she elevated Port Wine at the most prestigious international exhibitions.

Throughout her life, she was an example of tenacity in the fight against the hardship and misery that fell upon the region of the Douro after the phylloxera plague, responding firmly through research, new plantations, and the acquisition of lands and vineyards, thus ensuring the livelihood of many families and contributing to the region's recovery. For her dedication and passion for Douro, she will always be remembered as Ferreirinha.

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