

W. & J.  
**GRAHAM'S**  
ESTABLISHED 1820  
PORT

## QUINTA DAS LAGES

A supplier of top quality grapes to W & J Graham's since 1924 and one of the largest and finest properties in the Rio Torto valley. The Quinta has been leased for 25 years (until 2027) for Graham's and is managed by the Symington family.

### TERROIR



Quinta das Lages is situated on the left bank of the Rio Torto, opposite Quinta da Perdiz. Altitude varies between 120m – 400m, and the property is largely north facing, with some parts south east facing. The Rio Torto valley has slightly later ripening and slower maturations. The valley is renowned for aromatic and well balanced fruit. The Rio Torto valley has for generations been recognised as having a unique microclimate and has long produced some of the greatest Vintage Ports of the entire Douro region. Lages has 3.7 hectares of organic vineyard that produces about 19 pipes of organic Port. This is also a vineyard in which the Graham's viticultural team are experimenting with new vineyard management techniques. The soil's main component is schist, a laminated slate-like rock.

### THE WINE

The Lages Ports are renowned for their elegant complexity, their concentration and their violet aromas. The specific Rio Torto micro-climate, combined with the high percentage of old vines gives very low yields, but allows for very intense wines that are amongst the finest produced in the entire Douro region. The large altitude variation of the vineyard results in very finely balanced wines and this is evident even in the young Port when still in cask. The Lages wines age particularly well, the violet aromas evolving into fine cinnamon overtones and soft tannins.



### WINEMAKING

The wines are made at Quinta do Sol in Robotic Lagares. In 2012 the Quinta produced 310 pipes of Port and 246 pipes of Grapes.

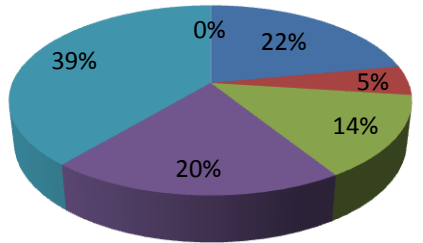
### THE QUINTA

- Half the vines have an average age of 30 years
- 3.7 ha experimental vineyard under organic viticulture
- Traditionally, an important component of Graham's Vintages
- Rio Torto microclimate



## VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

All of the property is "A-rated", the highest possible designation. All grapes are picked by hand.



Grape Variety	Area (ha)	Nº of vines	%
Touriga Franca	11,22	34.046	22%
Tinta Roriz	2,6	7.295	5%
Tinta Barroca	7,14	21.194	14%
Touriga Nacional	10,20	29.758	20%
Mixed Grapes	19,79	59.681	39%
Tinto Cão	0,10	265	0%
<b>Total Under Vine</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>152239</b>	<b>100%</b>

Quinta Total Area: 71.37 ha

Note: Douro average of Touriga Nacional = 3%

**Average age of vines:**

22% between 30 & 40 years; 33% from the 1980s; 16% from 1998; 18% from 2004 & 11% from 2005

