



VERTICE ROSÉ

SKU: PWDVTR

Located in the small town of Alijo in Cimo Corgo, Caves Transmontanas produces premium traditional-method sparkling wines from the Douro valley, under the Douro Vertice label. The project began in 1980s when current winemaker Celso Pereira brought his then mentor to the region. This was Californian sparkling winemaker Jack Davies from the legendary Schramsberg winery. They spotted the enormous potential of the region and after several years of trials began production in 1989. Today only around 100,000 bottles are made every year, and these are widely regarded as Portugal's finest sparkling wines.

Surrounded by the Transmontanas mountains and the borders of the Douro valley, the climate is hot and dry in the day, but with cold nights. The West is sheltered from the damp winds by the granite hills of Marão and Montemuro. The vineyards grown on granite and schist soils are subjected to very hot and dry summers and harsh and long winters with lots of frost and snow. The grapes are planted at 600m of altitude on granite soils which helps develop minerality, balance and finesse. The conditions are too challenging to produce any classic Port wines but ideal for sparkling!

The whole bunches are pressed pneumatically, then a traditional *méthode champenoise* secondary fermentation in bottle is followed by ageing on lees of a minimum of 16 months.

Grape: Touriga Franca, Gouveio, Malvazia Fina

Tasting Notes: Very pale, delicate pink. Floral hints of wild red berries and white peach with a hint of nougat. Refreshing and vibrant with an appealing dry yet soft finish.

Food Match: Ideal as an aperitif, with prawns, soft cheese or a fruit dessert.

An alternative to: NV Rose Champagne

Closure: Natural Cork

Farming Practices: Contains Sulfites

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