



DELAFORCE



<i>Wine</i>	Delaforce
<i>Varieties</i>	Cabernet Sauvignon & Touriga Nacional
<i>Year</i>	2007
<i>Region</i>	DOC Douro
<i>Country</i>	Portugal
<i>Production</i>	9.000 bottles (750ml)

Store bottles on their sides, in a cool, dry place (16°C) and away from any direct light. Serve at 18°C Enjoy this elegant, Douro Red with red meats, game dishes or the occasional spaghetti bolognese.

Delaforce

For more than 175 years members of the Delaforce family have been associated with excellent Port wine from the famous Douro Valley of Portugal. David Delaforce is now working in close co-operation with Real Companhia Velha (RCV), the owner of the Delaforce brand, to produce and market world-class Douro wines side by side with the renowned Delaforce Ports. He is heading up the wine selection and marketing while Pedro Silva Reis, chairman of RCV, manages affairs on the home front. Two of RCV's premium vineyards, Aciprestes and Cidrô, have been chosen to provide the grapes for this exciting project. A highlight of the strategy is to showcase two of the world's best grape varieties: Touriga Nacional and Cabernet Sauvignon. The range consists of three wines – a single vineyard premium Red; a ripe and luscious Touriga Nacional; the ground-breaking "Super-Douro" blend of Touriga Nacional and Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Year 2007

Up until the harvest, the levels of rainfall stored during the winter were within the normal figures for the area, favouring the subsequent vegetative and productive development of the vines. As for the active phase of the vegetative cycle (April to September), May was dry and relatively cold, and rainfall levels were pretty high in June and August, even if air temperature levels were normal. Rainfalls during August, coupled with normal temperature values for that period, were favourable for an adequate course of maturation

Winemaking and ageing

Fermentation and maceration take place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature. 100% of the wine ages in French oak being 50% new and 50% used, for 18 months, in excellent natural ageing conditions.

Tasting Notes

This red wine, with a dark purple colour, was conceived to be an original blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Touriga Nacional. After its long ageing in oak *barriques*, the wine combines depth and complexity with finesse and elegance. Balanced by an excellent structure it tastes very full-bodied and the aromas of black fruit, vanilla, tobacco and chocolate promise a great potential for ageing in bottle.

Informação técnica

Alc./Vol.:	14°
Acidez total:	5.45 g/l
PH:	3.54