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DOURO (PORTUGAL)

Domingos Alves de Sousa was one of the pioneers of wines from the Douro, one of the first to abandon the urban comfort of Oporto city and return to Douro after a lifetime linked to other professional activities. One of the forerunners of the movement that ended up with the rise of the Douro wines with the acclaimed Quinta da Gaivosa. From an estate historically dedicated to Port wine, white and red, is born a star from the Douro. Wine with a smooth and elegant profile, balanced and harmonious, a classic, genuine and honest in face of the Douro valley character.

Quinta da Gaivosa extended with 5 additional estates, add up to a total of 125 hectares, an expression of the terroir.

**Alcohol:** 12.5% vol.

**Grapes:** Gouveio, Malvasia Fina

**Tasting Notes**

**Visual:** Pale yellow

**Nose:** Melon

**Palate:** Mango, honeydew melon, grapefruit and chalk with soft minerality

**Pairings:** Seafood, Asian dishes, fruit salsas.

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**Douro Wine Region of Portugal**

**Climate:** The Douro wine region is situated around the Douro River Valley and lower valleys of its tributaries Varosa, Corgo, Távora, Torto, and Pinhão. The region is sheltered from Atlantic winds by the Marão and Montemuro Mountains and has a Mediterranean climate, with hot and dry summers and cold winters. Terraced vineyards are very common in the Douro region. Vineyards dedicated to Port production are usually planted on schist while areas with granite-based soils are used for table wine production.

**Varietals:** **Gouveio** is a Douro grape, producing fresh, lively wines with good acidity, plenty of body, and fresh, citrus aromas, along with notes of peach and aniseed, and lovely balance. Previously thought to be Verdelho of Madeira. **Malvasia Fina** is a grape from inland northern Portugal, especially the Douro. Malvasia Fina wines are subtle, not particularly intense, reasonably fresh and moderately complex with a hint of molasses, a suggestion of beeswax and nutmeg. The wine may appear slightly smoky even if it has not been matured in wood.