The picturesque vineyards of Wine & Soul are located in the heart of the Pinhão Valley, the most sought-after portion of Portugal’s premier wine region, the Douro. This innovative yet rustic winery was founded in 2001 by Jorge Serôdio Borges and his wife Sandra Tavares da Silva. Already two of the most celebrated winemakers in Portugal, this was their opportunity to channel their experience into their own project and showcase the traditional varieties of the Douro. Initially the winery included only the Pintas vineyard, which has been in Jorge’s family since 1930. It has since expanded to include additional properties inherited from the Serôdio Borges family, such as the magnificent Quinta da Manoella. Wine & Soul has received considerable critical praise for its delightful, character-driven wines, all of which represent the exceptional terroir of the Douro.
Sandra Tavares da Silva was born in the Azores and raised in Lisbon by a Portuguese naval officer father and Swiss mother. After earning an agronomy degree, Sandra moved to Milan, Italy, where she obtained a Masters in oenology. It was in Milan where Sandra gained an invaluable understanding of old-world winemaking skills and developed an appreciation of fine wine that would inspire her future endeavors. In 1999, Sandra returned to Portugal to work at Vale Dona Maria, one of the most esteemed properties in the Douro, making her the Douro’s first female winemaker. In addition to her exciting new post at Vale Dona Maria, Sandra began assisting her parents at Quinta de Chocapalha, a family-owned vineyard in the south of Portugal. In the same year, Sandra met her future husband and business partner, Jorge Serôdio Borges. Married in 2001, the enterprising duo began an exciting new joint venture: Wine & Soul. Over the past several years, the pair has enjoyed success and critical acclaim as a result of their hard work and combined talent. Born in Porto, the second largest city in Portugal, Jorge was raised in the trade among the vineyards and estates of the Douro. Given his upbringing and winemaking pedigree, it was only natural that Jorge would one day enter the family business. Prior to receiving his degree, Jorge developed his skills at Quinta do Fojo and Quinta da Manoella, both family-owned wineries in the Douro that have received a number of accolades for their innovative table wines. After receiving his oenology degree, Jorge worked in the winery of Niepoort, which would shape the boutique Port production he continues to this day. Jorge and Sandra have garnered overwhelmingly positive reviews for their character-driven, “soulful” wines. In 2009, Jorge was named “Winemaker of the Year” by Wine Magazine, Portugal’s top wine publication, and was honored at the British Virgin Islands Winemaker Dinner hosted by Richard Branson.

WINES

GURU DOURO WHITE
Guru is produced from a 50-year-old field blend of the indigenous white varieties Viosinho, Rabigato, Codega do Larinho, and Gouveio. Fermented and aged in new French oak for five months, this wine features great complexity, minerality, and freshness.

- **Vineyard Name:** Murça
- **Varietal Composition:** 25% Viosinho, 25% Rabigato, 25% Codega do Larinho and 25% Gouveio
- **Soil Composition:** Schist
- **Average Vine Age:** 51 years
- **Aging:** 5 months in new French oak barriques
- **Acidity (grams/liters):** 6
- **Alcohol:** 12.5%
- **Aroma:** Grapefruit and mineral
- **Palate:** Full-bodied yet refreshing, with excellent acidity and complexity
- **Pairing:** Grilled fish with olives and capers, fresh lobster, or scallops with pesto

PINTAS DOURO RED
Pintas Character is made from the 30-year old field blend surrounding the Pintas vineyard, which consists of the indigenous varieties Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, and Touriga Nacional. The wine is foot trodden and fermented in traditional granite lagares and aged for 18 months in 50% new and 50% second-passage French oak barriques.

- **Vineyard Name:** Vale de Mendiz
- **Varietal Composition:** A blend of 30 indigenous grape varietales with a majority being Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz and Touriga Nacional
- **Soil Composition:** Schist
- **Average Vine Age:** 41 years
- **Aging:** 18 months in French oak barriques
- **Acidity (grams/liters):** 5.2
- **Alcohol:** 14.5%
- **Aroma:** Raspberry, black cherry, and plums
- **Palate:** Fresh, velvety, well-integrated tannins, a long persistent finish
- **Pairing:** Grilled steaks and roasted vegetables

PINTAS DOURO RED
This wine is sourced from the 80-year-old Pintas vineyard, which contains a field blend of over 35 indigenous varieties. The grapes are carefully selected and foot trodden in traditional granite lagares during the maceration and fermentation process. The wine is then aged for 22 months in 70% new and 30% second-passage French oak barriques. Wine & Soul’s flagship wine, Pintas is so iconic that Jorge and Sandra named their beloved dog after it.

- **Varietal Composition:** A blend of over 30 different indigenous grape varieties
- **Soil Composition:** Schist
- **Average Vine Age:** 81 years
- **Aging:** 20 months in French oak barriques
- **Acidity (grams/liters):** 5.5
- **Alcohol:** 14.5%
- **Aroma:** Spice and floral
- **Palate:** Blackberry, dark chocolate, ripe, round, excellent acidity, fine tannins, and lengthy finish
- **Pairing:** Beef or roasted rack of lamb with rich, creamy sauces, also with dark chocolate desserts
Situated on Pinhão Valley’s sweeping slopes is a new project — the revitalization of Quinta da Manoella. This 60-ha property was founded in 1838 and has belonged to the Vieira de Sousa family, ancestors of Jorge Serôdio Borges, for five generations. Borges and his wife Sandra Tavares da Silva have recently incorporated the estate into their acclaimed winemaking project Wine & Soul. Quinta da Manoella contains 12 hectares of vines between 80 and 100 years old and 10 hectares of olive trees, the remainder consisting of Mediterranean forest and cork trees.

MANOELLA DOURO
This wine is made from estate vines with an average age of 35 years. The grapes, after being de-stemmed and crushed, are fermented in lagares for 10 days at low temperatures and then foot trodden in granite lagares.

Varietal Composition: 60% Touriga Nacional, 25% Touriga Franca, 10% Tinta Roriz and 5% Tinta Francisca
Soil Composition: Schist
Average Vine Age: 35 years old
Aging: 4 months French barrique
Acidity (grams/liter): 5.3
Alcohol: 14.0%
Aroma: Raspberry, blackberry and spice notes
Palate: Round, with velvety tannins, good concentration, lingering finish
Pairing: Tomato-based sauces, beef with brown gravy, and chorizo

MANOELLA VV
Manoella Vinhas Velhas, made from the 100-year-old field blend at the center of Quinta da Manoella, is an achievement of balance, complexity and elegance. Harvested at the peak of the season in mid September, carefully selected grapes are de-stemmed and then foot trodden in stone lagares.

Varietal Composition: 20 indigenous grape varieties
Soil Composition: Schist
Average Vine Age: Over 100 years old
Oak Aging: 20 months French barrique (90% new)
Acidity (grams/liter): 5.29
Alcohol: 14.5%
Aroma: Spicy and floral
Palate: Blackberry and dark chocolate, ripe, round and balanced with notable acidity, firm tannins and a long finish
Pairing: Chateaubriand, Beef Wellington, slow-roasted duck

PINTAS VINTAGE PORT
Vintage Port is the most expensive and prestigious member of the Port family, accounting for just 1% of total Port production and commanding the most attention and speculation from world wine markets. Port vintages are only declared in years of exceptional quality — usually no more than three a decade. For Pintas Vintage Port, all grapes are carefully selected and foot trodden in lagares for five days until brandy is added to stop the fermentation. The juice is then aged in an old Port tonel for 19 months, after which the wine is bottled.

Varietal Composition: 30 different indigenous grapes
Soil Composition: Schist
Average Vine Age: 81 years
Aging: 19 months in Portuguese oak
Acidity (grams/liters): 4.9
Alcohol: 20.0%
Aroma: Dark fruits and cocoa
Palate: Dark plum and mint chocolate
Pairing: Full, ripe tannins

10 YEAR OLD TAWNY
Created to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of Wine & Soul, this beautiful Tawny Port is deep golden amber in color with a complexity that belies its relative youth. Aged for over 10 years in chestnut barrel, it features fresh aromas of nuts, honey, and figs. It is rich on the palate with mellow fruit flavors and a long finish.

WINE & SOUL 5G
(FIVE GENERATION)
Jorge Serôdio Borges’s great-great-grandfather produced this tawny Port at the end of the 19th century. It was made from a field blend from the Quinta da Manoella vineyard (which is still in use) and includes vintages from 1870 to 1900. Since then, five generations of the Serôdio Borges family have guarded the Port, inspiring the name “5G.” Now that the Port has surpassed 100 years old, the family has decided to release 1,200 bottles to the public.
**DOURO, Portugal**

Spanning the magnificent Douro River, Douro DOC was demarcated in 1756, making it the world’s first official wine region. The stunning mountainous landscape is rife with glittering valleys and dramatic, steeply sloped vineyards. The schist and granite soil is so hard that vineyards have been planted on terraces carved out by dynamite or, centuries ago, by hand. Strikingly vast, Douro is divided into three distinct sub-zones: the pristine, uncultivated Douro Superior (Upper Douro), the Port capital of Cima Corgo (Upper Corgo), and the Baixo Corgo (Lower Corgo), the wettest and coolest of the sub-zones. Though widely recognized for its Port wine production, the Douro is becoming increasingly well-known for dry, unfortified wines. These table wines showcase the rich fruit of Port but also offer a fresh minerality that make them ideal accompaniments at dinner. More than 90 grape varieties are permitted in the Douro, including the popular red varieties Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, and Tinta Roriz and the white varieties Rabigato, Gouveio, and Viosinho. Though modern winemaking technology and equipment are widely used, traditional methods such as foot-treading and hand-harvesting have subsisted due to the Douro’s difficult terrain and geographical isolation. This duality is partly responsible for the unique and complex character of the region’s wines.

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**In the Press**

**Guru Douro White**

93pts Wine Advocate – August 2017 (Vintage 2016)

“It shows fine concentration and even better tension on the finish… Intense and deep, Guru is very fine this year. It should hold at least a decade, probably more.”

91pts Wine Spectator – August 2017 (Vintage 2015)

92pts Wine Advocate – April 2017 (Vintage 2015)

**Pintas Character Douro Red**

94pts Wine Advocate – August 2017 (Vintage 2015)

“Not yet bottled when tasted, I sampled the final blend out of barrel and tank, and this is potentially the best Character yet. A second wine? A lot of wineries would be happy to call this their first wine.”

90pts Wine Spectator – May 2017 (Vintage 2014)

94pts W&S – April 2016 (Vintage 2013)

**Manoella Vinhas Velhas**

96pts Wine Advocate – August 2017 (Vintage 2015)

“This looks like one of the best—if not the best—Manoellas ever… It is always very elegant with fine mid-palate finesse… It should age and develop beautifully in the cellar, too… This looks like a big winner.”

95pts Decanter – June 2017 (Vintage 2014)

92pts Wine Spectator – August 2017 (Vintage 2014)

**Pintas Vintage Port**

95pts Wine Spectator – August 2017 (Vintage 2015)

“This is gorgeous, one of the more intriguing 2015s for its combination of structure and fruit… It is flat-out delicious. Inky black, this is impressive in appearance, too. It should age well and acquire more complexity in time.”

91pts W&S – April 2017 (Vintage 2014)

**10 Years Old Tawny Port**

91pts Wine Spectator – January 2017 (Non-Vintage)

“Birch beer, cinnamon, dried cherry and toasted raisin bread notes mingle, with a glimmer of toffee through the finish. Shows food focus, with a streamlined feel balancing the sweetness.”

**5G Five Generations Very Old Port**

95pts Wine Spectator – January 2017 (Non-Vintage)

“Intense, with black sesame, buckwheat, toffee and warmed walnut notes giving this a steady bass line while green tea, dried bergamot and bitter orange accents add racy elements for contrast. Shows excellent range and depth.”

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