

## Chasing Harvest

### Douro DOC, Vinho Branco 2012

Appellation:	Douro, Portugal
Sub-region:	Cima Corgo, Pinhao Valley
Cases Produced:	46 cases
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.22
Barrel:	12 months, minimal battonage in neutral French cooperage

#### THE WINE

This is our first Douro white wine. Although, ports have been made for centuries in the region, a focus on quality dry wines is rather recent. Some small vineyards hidden in the Douro's mountain villages perhaps not appropriate for ports can be undiscovered treasures for these non-fortified white wines. We believe we were lucky to find a couple of these hidden treasures for this wine.

Again, made with our good friend Henrique Cizeron and hand harvested largely by ourselves we are very pleased with the results.

This barrel fermented white blend expresses citrus and stone fruit aromas, minerality, and a creamy texture with an elegant finish.

#### THE VINEYARDS

This wine is sourced from a couple adjacent exceptional 'Vinha Velha' old vine vineyards near to the Quinta da Costa but with higher elevations. The two vineyards are of considerable age. The first is approximately 100 years old or greater and the second with very good provenance up to 130 years old.

#### THE VINTAGE

Winter rainfall an important part of building humidity and water resources for the vines was lower than normal, was followed by a somewhat cooler summer with bursts of high heat resulting in lower yields and grapes of excellent quality. The white grapes being from vineyards of higher elevations and cooler temperatures ripened later and harvesting began in late September.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Unique portuguese varieties including Gouveio, Rabigato, and Viosinho were hand harvested by ourselves and carefully sorted back at the winery before being gently pressed. After 36 hours of cold settling the wine was racked to neutral white french oak barrels and similar to our reds fermented naturally with indigenous yeasts. The wines remained in barrel resting on its lees for 11 months. A select amount of barrel stirring was employed to enhance the texture of the wine and introduce complexity.

Again, our choices in winemaking have attempted to create a Douro white of elegance. A wine that features crisp acidity to balance its creamy texture and we were careful to not allow the use of oak barrels overpower the complexity of the aromatics.

#### ABOUT US

Chasing Harvest is a boutique wine company that was created by husband and wife team, Michael Kush and Jennifer Kingen Kush. With only passports and backpacks, a passion for adventure, travel, and wine inspired us to 'chase harvest' across five continents, eight countries, and 21 vintages. We used our experiences of the world's greatest wine regions to handcraft this limited edition wine.

Thank you for your interest in our wine and visit [chasingharvest.com](http://chasingharvest.com) to follow our journey and learn more about other wines and next stop: New Zealand.

