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## QUINTA DO PORTAL DECLARES THE 2003 VINTAGE

It's with great pleasure that Quinta do Portal declares two 2003 Vintage Ports.

After a rainy winter that recharged the water table 2003 is still remembered for its' particularly hot summer. Flowering took place in ideal conditions. In June the very hot weather caused many immature bunches to dry up, with a useful thinning of the overall crop. Fortunately, with plentiful reserves of ground water there was no evidence of the vines suffering from any undue stress.

The high temperatures recorded in August were not unusual for the Douro, in contrast to the other regions of Europe, and in the end proved ideal for Port. The effect of the severe heat caused some vines to shut down for a while in August and all was set for what could have been a dangerously early harvest when showers at the end of August revived the ripening process, and removed the risk, resulting in a tremendous build-up of tannins, colour and flavour.

Picking of the grapes for our 2003's started on the 8<sup>th</sup> and finished on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

In 2003 we released for the first time our Portal + Vintage Port.

While our classic Portal Vintage Port is made from Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz, taken 100% from the family's own A grade vineyards, Portal + is a tiny selection from a single A grade vineyard at Quinta dos Muros. This vineyard has some younger vines (average age 8 years) and selection of the finished wines showed that this gives the wine a more floral aromatic style, best noted on its very expressive nose.

We hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

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