



Quinta do Vesuvio stands alone both in terms of remoteness and sheer grandeur. Located in the wild and serenely beautiful eastern reaches of the Upper Douro valley, this property is set in the prime wine growing area of the demarcated Port region.

Quinta do Vesuvio is located in the heart of the Douro Superiore, 120 kilometres from Portugal's Atlantic coast and only 45 kilometres from the border with Spain. The quinta's special reputation for producing outstanding wines dates back to the 19th Century, when the Viscount of Villa Maior wrote, "All this wine is made scrupulously and to perfection... this Quinta was made as if for princes..."

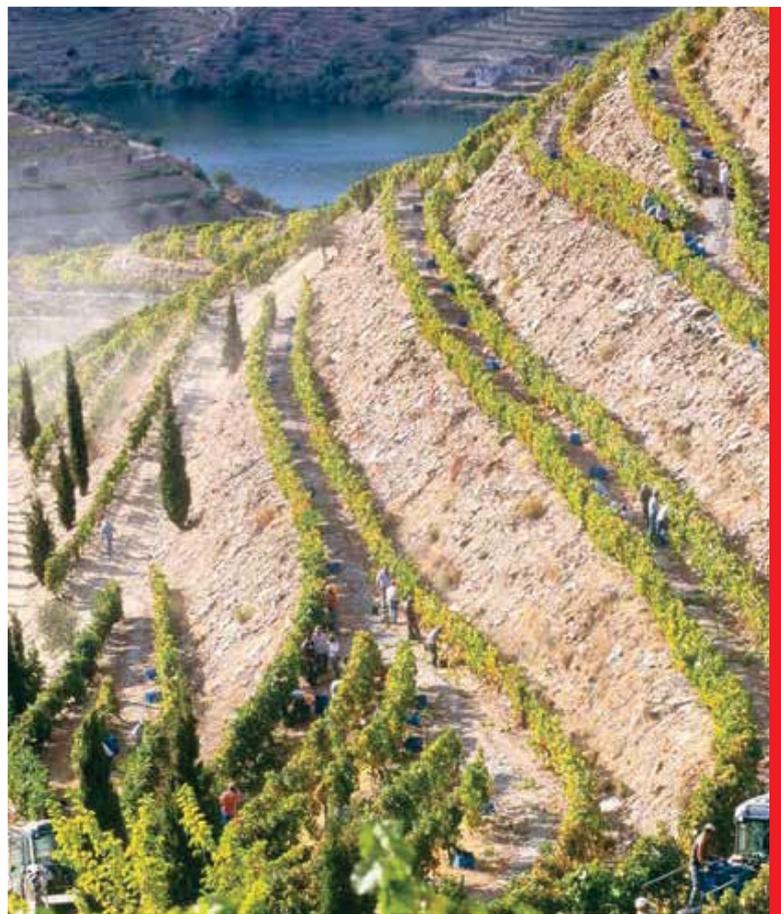
Vesuvio has a total area of 326 hectares (806 acres), of which 137 hectares (339 acres) are planted with vines. The rest, almost two-thirds, has been conserved in its natural, wild state.



In addition to the vineyards, the Vesuvio estate is also well known for its olive groves, fruit orchards and vegetable gardens.

The 137 hectare vineyard is predominantly North and West facing and rises from 110 metres at the river side to 450 metres at the top of the ridge. This estate makes exceptionally balanced wines, amongst the finest in the entire region. The soil is predominantly schistous with small granite outcrops.

Positioned towards the eastern part of the Douro, the Quinta has a continental climate with very hot Summers and very cold Winters. It is very dry with an average of only 470mm of rain falling each year.



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IMAGES This page – Above – Vineyards at Quinta do Vesuvio in the Douro Superior.
Bottles – Quinta do Vesuvio Douro DOC, Pombal do Vesuvio Douro DOC, Quinta do Vesuvio Vintage Port.

