

## WINES



## Old World Wines: Portugal, The Duro valley



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A documentary of 52'

French Version English Version

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The region of Douro is in North-East Portugal near Porto. It is divided into three distinct areas: the Douro Superior, La Cima Corgo, and the Baixo Corgo.

The wine that best defines the region of Douro is Port.

An ambassador of Portuguese wines, it is born on the poor lands and breathtaking hillsides that overlook the Douro river.

Yet, beyond port, the region is gradually becoming recognised for its excellent red and white wines.

The vines covering the hillsides of this majestic valley beautify the landscape. Wine production has not only changed the life of its dwellers, but the change to the landscape has made the valley a UNESCO world heritage site.

England's hatred for France has been the cradle for this wine. England used to boycott French wine and gave commercial favours to the Portuguese. In order to protect the quality of Douro's wine, it was listed in 1756.

Portugal is recognised mainly for its Ports. However, over the last years many producers have been modernising their vinification techniques. The quality of these wines keeps improving since. Portuguese red wines, which used to be rather heavy, now offer refreshing subtlety.