



Revista de Vinhos award goes to a member of the **Douro Boys**
Francisco Olazabal is "**Winemaker of the year**"

On Friday, February 11th 2011, the renowned wine magazine "Revista de Vinhos" honored Portugals most influential wine people in 2010 during a fabulous ceremony. One of the trophies was given to **Francisco "Xito" Olazábal** of **Quinta do Vale Meão**. "Xito" Olazábal was granted the title of "**Enólogo do Ano**" (Winemaker of the year).



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A winemaker with vision

"Francisco "Xito" belongs to a new generation, which is changing the identity of the Douro: living in the heart of the region (and thus accepting with open arms the consequent advantages and disadvantages), you can feel that he loves the Douro and lives in the Douro with the intensity of someone who found his way, and who proudly continues and leads the family history into the 21st century."

(João Paulo Martins, Revista de Vinhos, February 2011)*



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Quinta do Vale Meão



The Olazabal Family
(f.l. Xito, Luisa and Vito Olazabal)
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This important Douro Estate, totally planted by Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira on 270 hectares of barren common land purchased in 1877, was the last great achievement of the legendary Lady of the Douro. It is now owned by her great-great grandson Francisco Javier de Olazabal, whose son, Francisco Olazabal Nicolau de Almeida, is in charge of the winemaking.

The vines cover 81 hectares of the property and are planted in soils of different geological nature: schist, granite and alluvial gravel. This diversity, unusual in the Douro Region, contributes to the complexity of the wines. The vineyards are block planted with the following varieties: Touriga Nacional (40%), Tinta Roriz (25%), Touriga Francesa (20%), Tinta Amarela (5%), Tinta Barroca (5%) and others (5%).

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