## Romariz Portugal - Douro

The port house of Romariz was founded in 1850 by Manoel da Rocha Romariz. Manoel was a descendant from a well-known Oporto family. Over the years, Romariz developed business dealings in Brazil and other Portuguese colonies (Africa and China), and to a lesser extent England. Historically, Romariz was known for wood ports, like Colheitas (single vintage Tawnies) and in top years, vintage ports. In 1966, the Romariz family sold their brand and business to Guimaraens & Co., now part of the Fladgate Partnership. Wines are made by David Guimaraens in Taylor's Vila Nova de Gaia facility.

Today, Romariz offers a wide range of Ports: wood, vintage, LBV's and Colheitas. Their main markets are Portugal, Denmark and France. All grapes come from region #2, Cima Corgo, the heart of the best growing area along the Douro River. Romariz being an authentic Portuguese port firm, adheres to a rich, warm style of port wines.

Douro is a Portuguese wine region centered on the Douro River in the Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro region. It is sometimes referred to as the Alto Douro (upper Douro), as it is located some distance upstream from Porto, sheltered by mountain ranges from coastal influence. The region has Portugal's highest wine classification as a Denominação de Origen Controlada (DOC). While the region is associated primarily with Port wine production, the Douro produces just as much table wine (nonfortified wines) as it does fortified wine.

