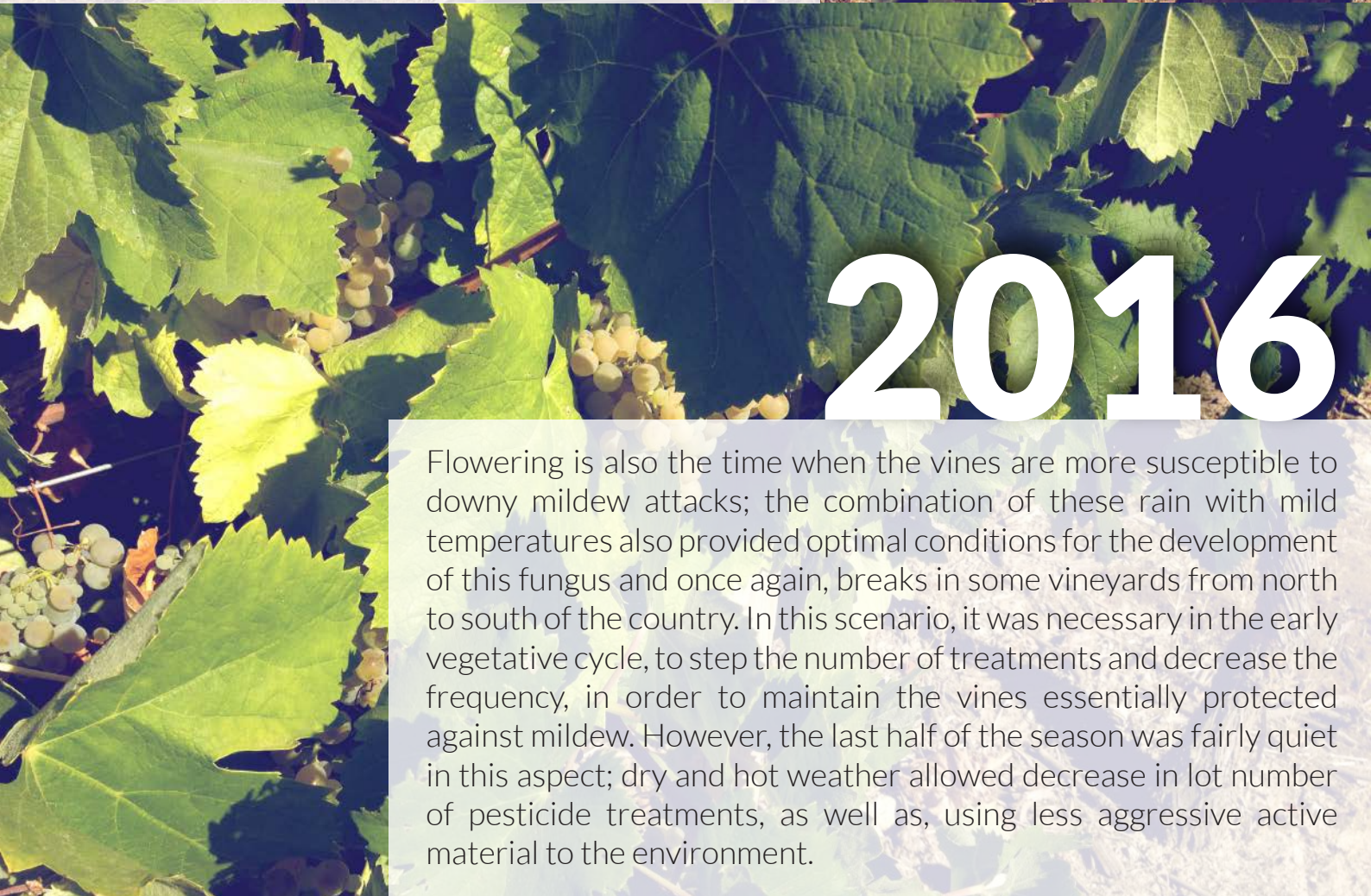




HARVEST REPORT

"Leap year crops fit all in a basket"

Month after month, without exception so far, the year 2016 has been marked by successive temperature records since we have records. However, this campaign ends up marked by uninterrupted rains that were felt throughout the nation between 4 and 14 May. By this time, most of the vines were in full bloom and the main effect was not ripening of many inflorescences leading to significant production losses.



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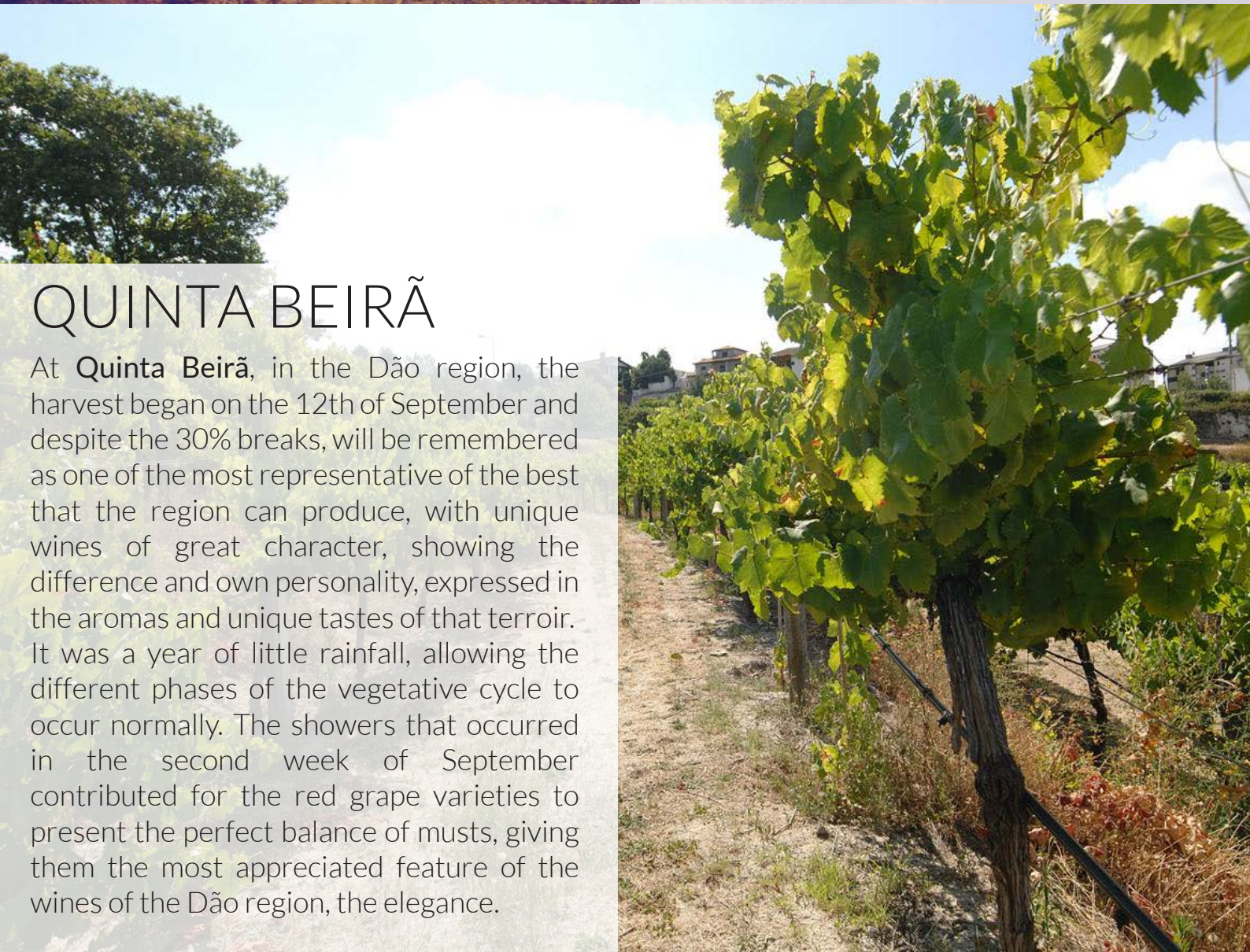
Flowering is also the time when the vines are more susceptible to downy mildew attacks; the combination of these rain with mild temperatures also provided optimal conditions for the development of this fungus and once again, breaks in some vineyards from north to south of the country. In this scenario, it was necessary in the early vegetative cycle, to step the number of treatments and decrease the frequency, in order to maintain the vines essentially protected against mildew. However, the last half of the season was fairly quiet in this aspect; dry and hot weather allowed decrease in lot number of pesticide treatments, as well as, using less aggressive active material to the environment.



QUINTA DA DEVESA

At **Quinta da Devesa**, Enoport' single estate at the Vinho Verde wine region, we've started picking on September 19th until the 30th. The drop in production was a little more significant in here, all of it planted with white varieties which were in full bloom in early May. In this particular case, the breaks were caused not only by not fruit set in many inflorescences, but also, although on a much smaller scale, by mildew spots in the lower and moister areas of the single estate.

Although in lower quantities, we produced Vinho Verde wines of good quality, high total acidity, great freshness and moderate alcoholic degree, characteristics of the wines of this region.



QUINTA BEIRÃ

At **Quinta Beirã**, in the Dão region, the harvest began on the 12th of September and despite the 30% breaks, will be remembered as one of the most representative of the best that the region can produce, with unique wines of great character, showing the difference and own personality, expressed in the aromas and unique tastes of that terroir. It was a year of little rainfall, allowing the different phases of the vegetative cycle to occur normally. The showers that occurred in the second week of September contributed for the red grape varieties to present the perfect balance of musts, giving them the most appreciated feature of the wines of the Dão region, the elegance.



QUINTA SÃO JOÃO BATISTA

At **Quinta de São João Batista**, in the Tejo wine region, the harvest began on the 30th of August. We started to harvest with confidence that production would be lower than last year, and this break would be more evident in the white varieties and, most specifically, in Fernão Pires. As usual, it was through here that started the harvest. Here too, the white musts had a lower natural acidity than normal for the same reasons, and in this case it was necessary to make some corrections to get the desired results, balanced wines, fresh and aromatic. Between the 5th and the 30th of September we picked the red varieties, with a slight drop in production caused not only by the rains of May, but also for some burnt grape (scald) caused by the high temperatures recorded in early July. They resulted in very concentrated wines, with very good color, good alcohol degrees and round.

QUINTA DO BOIÇÃO

At **Quinta do Boiçã**, in Bucelas DOC region (Lisboa), because the sprouting of vines have been a little later, there was no production losses due to rains in May, as at this time the vines were not yet in bloom, so the production was almost the same as last years.

The harvest took place from 19th of September to 19th of October, almost always in dry weather and high temperatures. This year we began harvesting the white varietal Arinto and through were reaping the reds always according to the evolution of maturation.

Completed all fermentations, we produced Lisboa reds with good color, relatively high alcohol levels for the region and good concentration. The Bucelas white wines, again not disillusioned, with a natural acidity slightly lower than in previous years, perhaps due to high temperatures, yet with an incredible freshness to support the intense tropical fruit aromas and citrus.



In short, with some setbacks already described herein, in general it can be said that the harvest in 2016, although with a lower yield than the average of recent years, has resulted in wines with the quality that we are recognized by our customers and consumers.

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