

Lisbon, Oct 20, 2012. It is amazing how fast times flies by: the glorious sunny days of summer are now well in the rearview mirror. These last days in Lisbon have been a bit colder than usual, and a bit rainy. Yesterday it even snowed on the higher peaks of Serra da Estrela range, the first time ever in my life that I've heard that happening in October.

...But not all is bad news with the turn of seasons: Fall is harvest time at vineyards throughout Portugal, and harvest time is fun time! Lucy and I had a chance to see that for ourselves on a fantastic visit to the Douro region. This beautiful wine region, with its vineyards in laboriously man-made steps, is home to the worldwide famous Port wine and to many table wines of equal notoriety. We made our base at the super nice Quinta de S. Jose in Ervedosa do Douro (<http://www.quintasjose.com>), and from there we visited wide across the region. (Soon you will have a link down below to see some pictures from this trip.)

On the book front, things are moving along at a bit of a "Goldilocks" pace: not too fast, but not too slow either. Some sales here, some gifts there, the fact is that stocks keep on decreasing!

Stay tuned. Until the next one. Jorge.