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**“East, everything new!” –  
The Expansion of the Limitation for the Higher Douro  
(Nineteenth Century – 1907)  
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The easternmost part of Douro's valley only very late integrated the correspondent territory of the limitation initiated by Marquês de Pombal in 1756, coordinated by *Companhia Geral da Agricultura das Vinhas do Alto Douro*.

This geographic territory, compound by Douro's margins east of Pinhão, would only come to be integrated in the “*Paiz Vinhateiro*” (Ch. Forrester) after the navigating difficulties were surpassed with the removal of “*Cachão da Valeira*”, rocky set that precluded the fluvial circulation (1798).

Associated to this fact, whose developments are prolonged through the whole first half of the nineteenth century, appear a set of problems related to vineyard diseases, Filoxera e Oidio, that provoke vineyard devastation west of the Valeira.

Towards these constraints emerged the need to pull de vineyard east, to Higher Douro. This process culminated in the delimitation of Douro's wine territory, in 1907.

In the development of the vineyard and wine perspective, in Douro Valley, we look forward to observe the Geography and “*Terroir du Vin*”'s dynamics, that produces the most modern version of the limitation of the Higher Douro.