

RESERVA

OVERVIEW

First harvest: 2017

Owner: Luisa Amorim

Winemakers: Jorge Alves and António Cavaleiro

Wine growing: Joaquim Faia

VINEYARD INFORMATION

Sub-region: Alentejo | Serra do Mendro, Vidigueira

Soils: Clay-schist soils

Harvesting method: Manual

Production Method: Integrated

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

Grape varieties: 60% Alicante Bouschet; 20% Trincadeira, 10% Aragonês, 10% Alfrocheiro.

Ageing process: Alicante Bouschet in 500 lt French oak barrels (second-year) for 12 months; Trincadeira in 150 lts Terracota Tinajas for 6 months; Aragonês in 2600 lts Nico Velo cement tanks for 6 months; Alfrocheiro in 1000 lts Cocciopesto amphorae for 6 months.

Alcohol: 14% alc.

Acidity: 5.0g/l

Bottled: May 2023

Production: 27719x 0.75l bottles and 1607x 1.5l bottles

HARVEST

12 August to 21 September 2021

2021 proved to be a relatively mild viticultural year in terms of temperatures, as well as average rainfall rates throughout the vine's vegetative cycle.

From a phytosanitary point of view, it was also a relatively quiet year.

The cool summer with the usual and pronounced daily temperature range, characteristic of Serra do Mendro, boosted a progressive maturation process, causing the harvest to start in the so-called normal period, verified in the last decade in the Alentejo, but to end later, even having to wait for the optimal harvest point of some red grape varieties.

A patient and attentive winemaking, allowed all the grape varieties to be harvested with precision, respecting the natural freshness and all the varietal character of the grapes, anticipating very balanced wines with high pleasantness.



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We have studied ancient history of wine at vineyards in the Alentejo as well as a wide swath of tradition, geology, texture, and aromas. We are preserving what is genuine because we have felt from the beginning that time is on our side. We searched out the traditional grape varieties. We found them where they were waiting- nearby. Using the simplest possible process, we have managed to produce transparent wines and the Reserva Red is a wine of the terroir, an authentic messenger, conveying emotion. Our aim was to understand the nature of the microterroirs, and we succeeded.

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