



LATE HARVEST

WHITE - 2018 - Regional Alentejo Wine

Concept: An elegant sweet wine, resulting from dehydration and the ensuing increase in the grapes' sugar, which were left in a parcel of vineyard at Herdade dos Perdigos for several weeks after reaching ideal ripeness.

Harvest: After a dry and cold winter, an early rainy spring followed restoring soil moisture levels suitable for the beginning of the vegetative cycle. The fact that spring temperatures and even mid-summer temperatures were milder than in previous years led to a delay of the cycle but allowed for good plant development. In early August, a heat wave of five consecutive days, with temperatures exceeding 43 degrees and accompanied by strong gusts of wind, caused severe damage in varieties more sensitive to this type of conditions, leading to production losses. However, in most of our vineyards, where grape varieties are better adapted to these events, maturation occurred slowly and regularly thus preserving the freshness and aromatic intensity of white wines and the texture, concentration and complexity of red wines.

Agriculture:

Grapes from Herdade dos Perdigos, a property owned by Esporão in Reguengos de Monsaraz.

Soil Type: Granite/schist base, with a loam/clay structure.

Vineyard Age: 20 years.

Grape Variety: Semillon.

Vinification: Post-harvest grape cooling, pressing, must decantation, temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks, centrifugation, stabilisation, filtration.

Bottling: August 2018

Technical Information:

Alcohol / Volume: 13,5 %

Total Acidity: 8,03 g/l

pH: 3,34

Reducing Sugar: 142 g/l

Format: 375 ml

Winemakers' Notes: David Baverstock & Sandra Alves

Colour: Clear, golden colour.

Aroma: Notes of dried figs and apricot rind wrapped in sweet spices such as cinnamon and cloves.

Palate: Creamy and intense texture with hints of honeycombs and roasted almonds. Balanced palate with a sizzling and persistent finish.

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