



## DEFESA DO ESPORÃO

Red Wine 2020

### Regional Alentejano

**Concept:** A wine with a contemporary style, featuring an elegant and intense profile. These wines convey the character of select and distinct parcels on the Estate.

**Harvest:** Temperatures in 2020 were slightly higher than the average of the last 21 years, while rainfall was identical to the values recorded in the same period. Winter and spring were mild and rainy, allowing a healthy replenishment of the vines' water reserves, which resulted in good vegetative growth compared with 2019. The summer was very hot and dry, presenting extremely high temperatures in July and leading us to begin the harvest around 2 weeks earlier than in the previous year. The weather conditions in the veraison phase let the grapes ripen gradually, which enabled a selective harvest that maximised the expression and quality of each grape variety.

**Agriculture:** Soil Type: Granite/schist origin with loamy clay structure. Vineyard Age: 13 years.

**Grape Varieties:** Touriga Nacional, Syrah.

**Vinification:** Each variety harvested separately, destemmed, crushed, alcoholic fermentation at controlled temperatures (22-25°C) in stainless steel tanks, pressed, followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

**Bottled:** As of July 2020

### Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 14.0%

Total Acidity: 6.19 g/l

pH: 3.6

Reducing Sugar: 2.5 g/l

**Format:** 750 ML.

**Winemakers' Notes by:** David Baverstock & Sandra Alves.

Colour: Intense ruby colour

Aroma: Intense berry and red plum aromas, with forest floor notes.

Palate: Rich and intense, with a vibrant texture. A long and balanced finish.

### Awards & Critiques:

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