



## VINHA DA DEFESA

RED 2011

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**Philosophy:** A wine with a contemporary style, having an elegant and intense profile. The wines show the character of the selected vineyard parcels on the Estate.

**Harvest Year:** Damp, stormy weather during the Spring period resulted in a lower than average grape production. A mild summer with cool nights resulted in grapes of very high quality.

**Viticulture:**

**Soil Type:** Granite/schist rock with clay/loam soil.

**Average age of vines:** 10 years.

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

**Vinification:** Batch vinified, fermentation in stainless steel tanks with temperature control (22-25°C), membrane pressing, controlled malolactic fermentation.

**Maturation:** Partly tank aged, partly aged in French oak barrels for 6 months. 6 months ageing in bottle before market release.

**Bottling:** June 2012.

**Chemical Analyses**

**Alcohol:** 14,5%

**Total Acidity:** 6,80 g/l

**pH:** 3,57

**Reducing Sugar:** 2,7 g/l

**Wine makers:** David Baverstock and Luís Patrão.

**Colour:** Intense, deep ruby.

**Aroma:** Intense aromatics of flowers from Touriga Nacional with notes of chocolate and black pepper from Syrah.

**Palate:** Dense body from Syrah with silky Touriga Nacional texture.

**Ideal Consumption Date:** 2013-2018

**Formats Available:** 750 ml.