



## PETIT VERDOT 2011

**Philosophy:** These wines are only produced in exceptional years, from unique plots at Herdade do Esporão, which express the true potential and original character of the individual grape variety.

**Harvest Year:** 2011 has been recognised as a memorable year for all the winemaking regions in Portugal. Milder than normal temperatures in spring and summer lent our wines intensity, balance and freshness.

### Viticulture:

**Soil Type:** loamy texture, very stony with surface shale.

**Average age of vines:** 11 years.

**Vinification:** Temperature controlled fermentation (28°C) in small stainless steel tanks.

**Maturation:** 12 months spent in French oak barrels, followed by 18 months in the bottle before release onto the market.

**Bottling:** May 2013.

### Chemical Analyses:

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Total Acidity:** 7.11 gr/l

**pH:** 3.63

**Winemakers:** David Baverstock and Luís Patrão.

**Colour:** Ruby flecks

**Aroma:** Complex aroma of the grape, reminiscent of the forest, moss and dry leaves.

**Palate:** Remarkably elegant with lively acidity that lends great freshness. Long and persistent finish.

**Ideal consumption date:** 2014- 2021

**Formats available:** 750 ml.