



## CANTO DO ZÉ CRUZ - ARAGONEZ RED - 2014 - DOC Alentejo

**Concept:** Produced from the grapes of one of the first vineyards planted in Herdade do Esporão in 1980, this wine expresses the unique characteristics of the Canto do Zé Cruz vineyard, of the Aragonez variety and the dedication of those who made it.

**Harvest:** A cold and rainy winter, followed by a mild summer with wide variations in temperature, allowed the vines to mature well, resulting in balanced and intense wines.

### Agriculture:

Vineyard in Integrated Production Mode, where the pruning system is Double Guyot, conducted in an upward vertical monoplane. The harvest is done by hand.

Soil Type: Granite soils derived from intrusive, greyish and sandy-loam rocks.

Vineyard Age: +34 years.

**Grape Varieties:** Aragonez

**Vinification:** Harvested on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. Fermented in marble *lagares*. Malolactic fermentation in cement tanks followed by 12 months ageing in new french oak barrels.

**Bottling:** September 2015

### Technical Information:

Alcohol / Volume: 14,5%

Total Acidity: 6,45 g/l

pH: 3.55

Reducing Sugar: 2,1 g/l

**Format:** 750 ml

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

**Colour:** Deep garnet.

**Aroma:** Notes of red berries, blackberry jam accompanied by nuances of tobacco leaf and coffee bean.

**Palate:** Intense and vibrant, with solid and present tannins and a persistent finish.

### Awards & Critiques:

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