

ESPORÃO

ARAGONEZ

RED 2017 • DOC ALENTEJO



Our single-varietal wines are unique. Produced by Esporão since the 1990s, they reflect the identity of the different varieties in the vineyards where they were created. Aragonez is a very aromatically elegant grape variety, known for producing concentrated wines with a good capacity for ageing. Our single-varietal wine originates from one of the first vineyards planted at Herdade do Esporão in 1980 - the Canto do Zé Cruz vineyard.

HARVEST YEAR

Autumn and winter were colder and rainier than the previous year, with the highest rainfall and lowest temperatures occurring between November and February. Still, both temperature and precipitation fell within the 18-year average. Spring temperatures exceeded those of 2016, accelerating the growth stages. A hot, dry spring ensured healthy fruit growth. Summer temperatures began warmer than 2016 (+2.0°C) and hastened the onset of ripening. Lower August and September temperatures further quickened ripening and increased sugar levels, resulting in full-bodied white wines with ripe fruit notes and rich and concentrated reds.

VITICULTURE

Canto do Zé Cruz Vineyard, parcel with 4,55 ha in Herdade do Esporão

Soil Type: Sandy loam soil with some bedrock stones (granite).

Average vineyards age: Planted in 1980

GRAPE VARIETIES

Aragonez

VINIFICATION

Hand-picked on 08.21.2017. In adega dos lagares, fermented in marble Lagares, foot-trodden. Then transferred to concrete tanks where it finishes the fermentation with controlled temperatures.

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AGEING

In new French oak barrels for one year,
followed by minimum two years in bottle.

BOTTLED

24 July 2019

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 14,5%

Total Acidity: 6,7 g/l

pH: 3,6

Reducing Sugar: 1,8 g/l

AVAILABLE FORMATS

750 ml

WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

DAVID BAVERSTOCK / SANDRA ALVES

COLOUR

Deep garnet

AROMA

Predominate spice, woods notes, with truffles and red berries nuances.

PALATE

Balanced and precise. The freshness and typical tannins of the variety stand out, along with a persistent and elegant finish.

AWARDS & CRITIQUES:**Wine Enthusiast**

93 pts | 2014

92 pts | 2013

Robert Parker

94+ | 2016

91pts | 2014

90 pts | 2013

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