

# ESPORÃO

ARAGONEZ

RED 2021 • 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, from organic farming.

## HARVEST YEAR

The 2021 agricultural year was a rainy year. During the vegetative rest period (Autumn – Winter) precipitation values were higher than the average of the last 22 years, with temperatures remaining mild. These precipitation values led to the fact that, at the beginning of the vegetative cycle (Spring), practically all the soils had their water reserves completely reestablished. The budburst occurred earlier, and the higher temperatures observed during the Spring accelerated the vegetative development until flowering. In Summer, milder temperatures contributed to a regular development of the vegetative cycle, allowing maturation to take pace in a regular and balanced manner.

## VITICULTURE

Canto do Zé Cruz Vineyard, a 4.55 ha parcel at Herdade do Esporão. Organically farmed.

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

**Average vineyards age:** Planted in 1980

## GRAPE VARIETIES

Aragonez

## VINIFICATION

Hand-picked on 23.08.2021. In adega dos lagares, fermented in marble Lagares, foot-trodden. Then transferred to concrete tanks where it finishes the fermentation with controlled temperatures.

## AGEING

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

## BOTTLED

August 2023

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 15%

Total Acidity: 5,5 g/l

pH: 3,67

Total Sugars (gluc. + fruct): 1,0g/l

## AVAILABLE FORMATS

750 ml

## WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

**SANDRA ALVES E JOÃO RAMOS**

## COLOUR

Ruby

## AROMA

Elegant nose of red fruit, with strawberry jam notes wrapped in hints of chocolate from barrel ageing.

## PALATE

Elegant palate, with present tannins typical of the variety, giving intensity to the finish.

## AWARDS & CRITIQUES:

### Wine Enthusiast

93 pts | 2014

92 pts | 2013

90 pts | 2017

### Robert Parker

94+ | 2016

91pts | 2017 | 2014

90 pts | 2013