

ESPORÃO RESERVA

RED – 2019 – DOC Alentejo



Wine concept: The first wine made by Esporão in 1985. A classic obtained exclusively from our organic grapes. The diversity of Herdade do Esporão, together with the different characteristics of the grape varieties, the soils, the maturity of the vines and the character of those who make this wine consistently over the years, results in a rich, intense but always harmonious wine.

Harvest Year: The 2019 agricultural year recorded temperatures corresponding to the average for the last 20 years, while the recorded rainfall values were below the average values for the same period. In the spring and up until the beginning of the summer, temperatures were higher than in 2018, which led to a considerable advance in the phenology of the vine, translating into the anticipation of the harvest in about 2 weeks, compared to 2018. The summer registered lower temperatures in the veraison phase, promoting a constant and homogeneous ripening process, ideal conditions for raw material of excellent quality.

Viticulture: Vineyard with organic farming certification.

Soil Type: Granite/schist origin with clay/loam structure.

Vineyard Age: average 20 years.

Grape Varieties: Aragonez, Trincadeira, Syrah, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Cabernet Sauvignon, Alicante Bouschet.

Vinification: Each variety was vinified separately, destemmed, crushed, temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel vats, concrete tanks and small marble basins, pressed, followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

Ageing: 12 months in American (60%) and French (40%) oak barrels. After bottling, the wine aged 8 months in the bottle

Bottling: from July 2021

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 14,5%

Total Acidity: 6.86 g/l

pH: 3.5

Reducing Sugar: 2,8 g/l

Format: 750 ml, 1,5l, 3l and 5L

Winemakers' Notes: David Baverstock & Sandra Alves

Colour: Intense Ruby

Aroma: Blackberry aromas, nutmeg, licorice and notes of black pepper.

Palate: Rich and complex with notes of black ripe fruit and spices. Persistent finish.

Awards & Critiques:

Robert Parker

90 pts | 2017 | 2010 | 2007

91 pts | 2016 | 2009

92 pts | 2011

Wine Enthusiast

91 pts | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015

92 pts | 2014 | 2013 | 2010 | 2006

93 pts | 2011

Wine Spectator

90 pts | 2014