

ESPORÃO

RESERVA

RED 2022 • DOC Alentejo



ESPORÃO Reserva is the wine that captures the essence of Herdade do Esporão. It was 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. Label by Eduardo Aires.

HARVEST YEAR

The 2022 agricultural year was a dry year. During the vegetative rest period (autumn-winter) and spring, there were mild temperatures and low precipitation values. In the vineyard, budbreak was early, as in the previous year, and moderate temperatures anticipated vegetative development. The very high temperatures and the lack of water in the summer contributed to distant maturation between the varieties, resulting in a precision harvest with a special focus on the expression of each variety.

VITICULTURE

Vineyard with organic farming certification, since 2019.

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

Vineyard Age: average 22 years.

GRAPE VARIETIES

Alicante Bouschet, Trincadeira, Touriga Nacional, Aragonez, Cabernet Sauvignon

VINIFICATION

Each variety was vinified separately, looking for its optimal ripening moment.

After harvesting, the grapes are destemmed and crushed, followed by alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel, concrete or marble vats. After pressing, malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats.

AGEING

12 months in new (20%) and old (80%)

American and French oak barrels. After bottling, the wine aged at least 6 months in the bottle.

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BOTTLED

From April 2023

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 14.0%

Total Acidity: 5.7 g/l

pH: 3.61

Total sugar (Glu +Fru): 0,6 g/l

AVAILABLE FORMATS

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

WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

SANDRA ALVES / JOÃO RAMOS

COLOUR

Intense Ruby.

AROMA

Deep and complex, dominated by red fruits and spicy notes.

PALATE

Lively and complete. Solid body, fine and vibrant tannins. Red fruit and dominate spices. Persistent and balanced finish.

AWARDS&REVIEWS :**Robert Parker**

90 pts | 2017 | 2010 | 2007

91 pts | 2016 | 2009

92 pts | 2011

Wine Enthusiast

93 pts | 2021 (editor's choice) | 2019 | 2011

92 pts | 2020 | 2014 | 2013 | 2010 | 2006

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Wine Spectator

90 pts | 2014