

# ESPORÃO

RESERVA

RED 2023 • DOC Alentejo



Esporão Reserva is the estate's oldest and most iconic label—a classic that has become a benchmark for quality and craftsmanship in the Alentejo. Grapes are sourced from certified organic vineyards, where the diversity of soils and grape varieties creates a blend that reflects the essence of our origins. The label is illustrated by architect Álvaro Siza Vieira.

## HARVEST YEAR

2023 was a hot and dry year. During the dormant period (autumn–winter), temperatures were mild and rainfall levels higher than in 2022. However, spring–summer saw very high temperatures and very low rainfall. As a result, phenological stages advanced more quickly in the vineyard. Harvest began early and was concentrated into just a few weeks, with several varieties reaching optimal ripeness at the same time. This provided aromatic, intense wines with great complexity.

## VITICULTURE

Certified organic vineyards at Herdade do Esporão.

**Soil type:** Granitic with schist transitions, clay-loam structure.

**Average vineyard age:** 23 anos.

## GRAPE VARIETIES

Aragonês 25%, Alicante Bouschet 20%, Touriga Nacional 20%, Cabernet Sauvignon 15%, Syrah 15%, Trincadeira 5%

## VINIFICATION

Each variety harvested separately, destemmed and crushed. Fermentation in concrete vats, marble lagares and stainless-steel tanks with temperature control, followed by pressing and malolactic fermentation in stainless steel vats.

## AGEING

12 months in oak barrels: 50% French and 50% American. After bottling, the wine aged for a further 6 months in bottle.

## BOTTLED

June 2025

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol: 14%

Total acidity: 5,7 g/l

pH: 3,61

Residual sugar: 1,0 g/L

## AVAILABLE FORMATS

750 ml, 1,50Lt, 3,0Lt e 5,0Lt.

## COLOUR

Deep ruby.

## WINEMAKERS NOTES:

Ana Cruz & José Luis Moreira da Silva.

## AROMA

Profound and complex, with red fruit and spicy notes.

## PALATE

Vibrant and full-bodied. Solid structure with fine, lively tannins. Red fruit and spices dominate, leading to a persistent, well-balanced finish.

## AWARDS

### Robert Parker

90 pts | 2027 | 2010 | 2007

91 pts | 2016 | 2009

92 pts | 2011

### Wine Enthusiast

91 pts | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015

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

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

### Wine Spectator

90 pts | 2014

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