

ESPORÃO

TOURIGA NACIONAL

RED 2021 • DOC ALENTEJO



Touriga Nacional is a noble Portuguese grape variety. Produces intense, balanced wines with good ageing potential. This wine is from one of the oldest vineyards of Touriga Nacional in Alentejo – Badeco vineyard in Herdade do Esporão — organically farmed. It represents the singularity of the grape variety and the characteristics of the single vineyard combined with the experience of the ones who take care of the vineyard and the wine.

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

Vinha do Badeco Vineyard, organically farmed, parcel with 1,03 ha in Herdade do Esporão. Double Guyot pruning system, trained in vertical shoot positioning.

Soil Type: Poor soil, brown colour. Derived from schist of a sandy to silty-loam texture.

Average vineyards age: One of the oldest vineyards of Touriga Nacional planted in the Alentejo in 1988.

GRAPE VARIETIES

Touriga Nacional

VINIFICATION

Hand-picked on September 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

10 August 2023

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 14,5%

Total Acidity: 6,0 g/l

pH: 3,55

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

AVAILABLE FORMATS

750 ml

WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

SANDRA ALVES E JOÃO RAMOS

COLOUR

Intense deep garnet

AROMA

Notes of tobacco, licorice with hints of black plum

PALATE

Rich and opulent with notes of spices and smoke. Balanced and smooth tannins, a elegant and deep wine.

AWARDS & CRITIQUES:

Wine Enthusiast

94 pts | Cellar Selection 2008

93 pts | Cellar Selection 2011

91 pts | 2017

90 pts | 2015

Robert Parker

92 pts | 2021