

# ESPORÃO

TOURIGA NACIONAL

RED 2023 • 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. 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

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

Vinha do Badeco vineyard farmed organically. , 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. Harvested in end of August and September. Destemming and crushing of the grapes. Alcoholic fermentation in marble lagares, with foot treading and temperature-controlled concrete tulip-shaped tanks. Followed by malolactic fermentation. malolática.

## AGEING

Aged for 12 months in second-use 500-liter French oak barrels, followed by minimum two years in bottle.

## BOTTLED

July 2025

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 14%

Total Acidity: 5,6 g/l

pH: 3,59

Total Sugars (gluc. + fruct): 0,6g/l

## AVAILABLE FORMATS

750 ml

## WINEMAKERS' NOTES:

JOÃO RAMOS AND JOSÉ LUÍS M. SILVA

## COLOUR

Intense deep garnet

## AROMA

An exuberant and intense aroma, still with fresh notes of bergamot and delicate aromas of vanilla and pink pepper.

## PALATE

A rich and full-bodied palate, with polished tannins. A persistent and fresh finish.

## AWARDS & CRITIQUES:

### Wine Enthusiast

94 pts | Cellar Selection 2008

93 pts | Cellar Selection 2021, 2011

91 pts | 2017

90 pts | 2015