

ESPORÃO

DEFESA RED 2022 • Alentejo Wine Region



With a contemporary style and an elegant and intense profile, these wines show the character of selected and well-defined plots in the Herdade.

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

Soil Geology: granitic/schist nature, clay loam structure.

Average age of the vines: 20 years.

GRAPE VARIETIES

Touriga Nacional and Syrah

VINIFICATION

Separate harvest of each variety, destemming, crushing, alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel vats with controlled temperatures (22 to 25°), pressing, followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel vats.

BOTTLING

January 2023

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 13,5%

Total Acidity: 5,6g/l

pH: 3,67

Total Sugars: 0,3g/l

Volatile Acidity: 0,59g/l

AVAILABLE FORMATS

750 ml

WINEMAKERS NOTES

SANDRA ALVES/TERESA GASPAR

COLOUR

Intense ruby.

AROMA

Intense of wild berries and red plum, with some fresh woody notes.

PALATE

Rich and intense, with a vibrant texture and a long, balanced finish.