



## VINHA DA DEFESA

RED 2013

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**Philosophy:** A wine with a contemporary style, having an elegant and intense profile. The wines show the character of the selected vineyard parcels on the Estate.

**Harvest Year:** The 2013 viticultural year was characterized by a cool and wet spring followed by a dry summer with large diurnal temperatures, making for good maturation conditions and sound healthy grapes.

**Viticulture:**

Soil Type: Clay loam structure, granite/schist origin.

Average age of vines: 10 years.

**Grapes Varieties:** Touriga Nacional, Syrah.

**Vinification:** Varieties harvested and vinified separately, destemmed/crushed, stainless steel temperature controlled fermentation (22-25°C), pressed, controlled malolactic fermentation in tank.

**Maturation:** 30% of the blend was aged in tank, the other 70% in French oak for a period of 6 months. 6 month bottle maturation before market release.

**Bottling:** November 2014

**Chemical Analyses:**

Alcohol: 14%

Total Acidity: 6,80 g/l

pH: 3,61

Reducing Sugar: 2,1 g/l

**Wine makers:** David Baverstock and Luís Patrão.

**Colour:** Clear, intense ruby.

**Aroma:** Showing the floral notes of Touriga Nacional, with subtle spicy complexity.

**Palate:** Firm and compact, with good fruit depth sustained by mature tannins leading to a long finish.

**Ideal Consumption Date:** 2015-2020

**Formats Available:** 750 ml.