



ESPORÃO RESERVA

RED – 2018 – DOC Alentejo

Concept: The first wine made by Esporão in 1985. Obtained from grapes grown at Herdade do Esporão, it shows the consistency and rich character typical of the best Alentejo wines. Label illustrated by Anne Geene.

Harvest: After a dry and cold winter, an early rainy spring followed restoring soil moisture levels suitable for the beginning of the vegetative cycle. The fact that spring temperatures and even mid-summer temperatures were milder than in previous years led to a delay of the cycle but allowed for good plant development. In early August, a heat wave of five consecutive days, with temperatures exceeding 43 degrees and accompanied by strong gusts of wind, caused severe damage in varieties more sensitive to this type of conditions, leading to production losses. However, in most of our vineyards, where grape varieties are better adapted to these events, maturation occurred slowly and regularly thus preserving the freshness and aromatic intensity of white wines and the texture, concentration and complexity of red wines.

Agriculture:

Soil Type: Granite/schist origin with clay/loam structure.

Vineyard Age: 18 years.

Grape Varieties: A Aragonez, Trincadeira, Syrah, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Cabernet Sauvignon, Alicante Bouschet.

Vinification: Each variety harvested separately, destemmed, crushed, temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel vats, concrete tanks and small marble basins, pressed, followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

Ageing: 12 months in American (60%) and French (40%) oak barrels. After bottling, the wine aged 8 months in the bottle.

Bottling: from July 2020

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 14.5%

Total Acidity: 6.44 g/l

pH: 3.53

Reducing Sugar: 2,1 g/l

Format: 750 ml, 1,5l, 3l and 5L

Winemakers' Notes: David Baverstock & Sandra Alves

Colour: Intense Ruby

Aroma: Notes of black fruit jam with spices (black pepper, cloves) combined with notes of coffee berries and cigars.

Palate: Complex with notes of spices and dark chocolate. Persistent finish.

Awards & Critiques:

Robert Parker

90 Pts | 2017 | 2010 | 2007

91 Pts | 2016 | 2009

92 Pts | 2011

Wine Spectator

90 pts | 2014

Wine Enthusiast

91 pts | 2017 | 2016 | 2015

92 pts | 2014 | 2013 | 2010 | 2006

93 pts | 2011