

ESPORÃO ALICANTE BOUSCHET

RED - 2015 - DOC ALENTEJO´



Wine concept: A red juice grape variety of French origin. Introduced in Alentejo in the 19th century. Produces concentrated, full-bodied wines with good ageing potential.

This wine is the result of the expression of Alicante Bouschet grape variety from three different origins in a very good vintage year for this grape. It combines the intensity, texture, and concentration of Reguengos de Monsaraz sub-region with the vitality of the altitude of Portalegre.

Harvest Year: 2015 presented the ideal conditions for this grape variety maturation. A dry winter followed by above average temperatures in spring and summer, gave rise to an early start to the harvest. Although temperatures continued to be high, there was no extreme heat during the vintage, and the dry conditions were excellent for fruit quality, producing wines with intense, persistent, aromatic fruit.

Viticulture:

Herdade do Esporão: Andorinhos vineyard - Schist soils with sandy loam texture. Vines with more than 15 years old.

Herdade dos Perdigões: Palmeiras vineyard - Granite soils, with clay texture, deep dark soils with good drainage. Vines with more than 25 years old.

Propriedade dos Lavradores: Machuguinho Vineyard - Vineyard is located at an altitude of 400m, with granite soils and sandy texture. Vines with more than 15 years old.

Grape varieties: Alicante Bouschet

Vinification:

Hand-picked. Vinified in small concrete tanks

Maturation: One year in 5000 liters (30% of the batch), and 500 liters (70% of the batch) French oak barrels. Followed by a minimum of two years in the bottle.

Maturation: July 2017

Technical information:

Alcohol/volume: 14,5%

Total Acidity: 6,6 g/l

pH: 3,54

Reducing sugar: 3,3 g/l

Available Formats: 750ml and 1500ml

Winemakers notes by: David Baverstock and Sandra Alves

Color: Deep, concentrated color.

Aroma: Complex varietal aroma with black plum, dark chocolate and slight leather notes.

Palate: The classic tannic structure is complemented by intense fruit and a long, spicy finish.

Awards & Critiques:

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93 pts | 2013 Cellar Selection

92 pts | 2012

91 pts | 2009

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