



## DEFESA DO ESPORÃO

Red Wine 2021

Vinho Regional Alentejano

**Concept:** 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 2021 agricultural year was a rainy year. During the vegetative rest period (Autumn - Winter) precipitation values were higher than the average of the last 22 years, with temperatures remaining mild. These precipitation values led to the fact that, at the beginning of the vegetative cycle (Spring), practically all the soils had their water reserves completely reestablished. The budburst occurred earlier, and the higher temperatures observed during the spring accelerated the vegetative development until flowering. In summer, milder temperatures contributed to a regular development of the vegetative cycle, allowing maturation to take place in a regular and balanced manner.

**Viticulture:** Soil Geology: granitic nature with transition to schist, clay-loam structure. Age of Vineyards: 13 years.

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

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

**Bottling:** April 2022

**Technical Info:**

Alcohol / Volume: 14%

Total Acidity: 6.6 g/l

PH: 3.54

Reduced Sugar: 2.3 g/l

**Available Formats:** 750ml

**Winemaker Notes:** Sandra Alves & João Ramos.

**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.

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