

# ESPORÃO

RESERVA

RED 2021 • DOC Alentejo



The first wine made by Esporão in 1985. A classic obtained exclusively from our organic grapes. The diversity of Herdade do Esporão, together with the different characteristics of the grape varieties, the soils, the maturity of the vines and the character of those who make this wine consistently over the years, results in a rich, intense but always harmonious wine. Label by Alexandre Conefrey.

## 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 pace in a regular and balanced manner.

## VITICULTURE

Vineyard with organic farming certification.

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

**Vineyard Age:** average 20 years.

## GRAPE VARIETIES

Alicante Bouschet, Trincadeira, Touriga Nacional, Aragonez, Cabernet Sauvignon

## VINIFICATION

Each variety was vinified separately, destemmed, crushed, temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel vats, concrete tanks and small marble lagares, pressed, followed by malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

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**AGEING**

12 months in new (20%) and old (80%) American and French oak barrels. After bottling, the wine aged at least 6 months in the bottle.

**BOTTLED**

From May 2023

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

Alcohol / Volume: 14.0%

Total Acidity: 6.4 g/l

pH: 3.57

Residual sugars: 2.2 g/l

**AVAILABLE FORMATS**

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

**WINEMAKERS' NOTES :**

**SANDRA ALVES / JOÃO RAMOS**

**COLOUR**

Intense Ruby.

**AROMA**

Wildberries with hues of blackberries and ripe plum, complemented with spicy notes of cinnamon and liquorice.

**PALATE**

Rich and elegant, with notes of wild berries and sweet spices notes. Harmonious and fresh with a persistent and balanced finish.

**AWARDS & REVIEWS :****Robert Parker**

90 pts | 2017 | 2010 | 2007

91 pts | 2016 | 2009

92 pts | 2011

**Wine Enthusiast**

93 pts | 2019 | 2011

92 pts | 2020 | 2014 | 2013 | 2010 | 2006

91 pts | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015

**Wine Spectator**

90 pts | 2014