

# RESERVA

## OVERVIEW

**First harvest:** 2017

**Owner:** Luisa Amorim

**Winemakers:** Jorge Alves and António Cavalheiro

**Wine growing:** Joaquim Faia

## VINEYARD INFORMATION

**Sub-region:** Alentejo | Serra do Mendro, Vidigueira

**Soils:** Clay-schist soils

**Harvesting method:** Manual

**Production Method:** Integrated

## ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

**Grape varieties:** 35% Trincadeira; 27% Alfrocheiro; 21% Alicante Bouschet; 17% Aragonês

**Ageing process:** 50% of the batch in 500 lt French oak barrels for 12 months; 30% in 2600 lt Nico Velo cement tanks for 12 months; 20% in 150 lt Terracota tinajas

**Alcohol:** 14% alc.

**Acidez:** 5,6g/l

**Bottled:** June 2020

**Production:** 25 826 x 0,75l bottles and 200 x 1,5l bottles

## HARVEST

**20 August to 30 September 2018**

The 2018 harvest was particularly unusual. From a climatic point of view, the cold and dry winter meant great limitations on the water available.

After a late blooming, the appearance of the long and anticipated rain, in the beginning of spring, allowed a fast vegetative development and a good recovery of the vine.

The occurrence of diseases in phases like the veriason, challenged the potential for a good production.

It is important to highlight, the devastating phenomenon of the pre-harvest heat which reduced our hope of a productive year.

Only with the quality in mind, the harvest provided musts with a high structure and concentration, enhancing, at the same time, wines with a fresh and elegant character.



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We have studied ancient history of wine at vineyards in the Alentejo as well as a wide swath of tradition, geology, texture, and aromas. We are preserving what is genuine because we have felt from the beginning that time is on our side. We searched out the traditional grape varieties. We found them where they were waiting- nearby. Using the simplest possible process, we have managed to produce transparent wines and the Reserva Red is a wine of the terroir, an authentic messenger, conveying emotion. Our aim was to understand the nature of the microterroirs, and we succeeded.

# 2018