

# GARRAFEIRA

## OVERVIEW

**First harvest:** 2019

**Owner:** Luísa 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:** 70% Antão Vaz; 25% Arinto and 5% Alvarinho

**Fermentation/ageing process:** In 3000 lt French Oak barrels (new) and 15 months in a glass bottle

**Alcohol:** 14% alc.

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

**Bottled:** June 2020

**Production:** 5 800 x 0.75l bottles and 115 x 1.5l bottles

## HARVEST

**26 August to 27 September 2019**

The wine-growing year was atypical in climatic terms, not just because of the low rainfall level in the winter – which reduced potential outbreaks of disease – but above all because of the large variations in average temperatures which fostered a slight advance in the growing season.

This advance faded with the spring rains. The overall evolution recorded was quite favourable to the phytosanitary quality of the grapes.

The high thermal amplitudes permitted balanced maturation and excellent acidity levels.

The grapes developed regularly, delivering high quality musts, which resulted in full-bodied, dense and highly elegant wines, with remarkable aromatic exuberance.



## GARRAFEIRA

Herdade Aldeia de Cima's Garrafeira white mirrors the unique richness and freshness of the terroir of the Serra do Mendro, the respect for primary elements - soil, climate, grape variety - transports us to the culture of the village, our identity and the wines of yesteryear.

Here you look at the earth as if you were at home, in French oak barrels, looking for fine textures, mineral notes, the intense aromas of fresh fruit and the Mediterranean forest, the complexity from the perfumes of local grape varieties, grown at altitude mixed with the flavours derived from the soils of the sunny slopes, where the temperatures, moderated by the cool Atlantic winds, engende a different Alentejo, from the Serra do Mendro that divides the Alto Alentejo from the Baixo Alentejo.

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