

## ESPORÃO ARAGONEZ

RED - 2016 - DOC ALENTEJO



**Wine concept:** Our single-varietal wines are unique. Produced by Esporão since the 1990s, they reflect the identity of the different varieties in the vineyards where they were created. Aragonez is a very aromatically elegant grape variety, known for producing concentrated wines with a good capacity for ageing. Our single-varietal wine originates from one of the first vineyards planted at Herdade do Esporão in 1980 - the Canto do Zé Cruz vineyard.

**Harvest Year:** Spring was cooler and wetter than previous year. The lower temperatures led to a longer period of vegetative growth and, despite the hotter weather from July onwards, the harvest began 10 days later than usual. The warmer conditions continued throughout the vintage, grape quality was excellent, and, despite the heat, sugar levels remained normal, with slightly lower acidity.

**Viticulture:**

Canto do Zé Cruz Vineyard, parcel T015B.5, in Herdade do Esporão.  
Soil Type: Sandy loam soil with some bedrock stones (granite)  
Planted in 1980. Hand-picked grapes.

**Grape varieties:** Aragonez

**Vinification:**

In adega dos lagares, fermented in marble Lagares, foot-trodden. Then transferred to concrete tanks where it finishes the fermentation with controlled temperatures.

**Maturation:** in French (5000 liters) oak barrels for one year, followed by two years in bottle.

**Bottling:** November 2018

**Technical information:**

Alcohol/volume: 14%  
Total Acidity: 6,45 g/l  
pH: 3,6  
Reducing sugar: 2,1 g/l

**Available Formats:** 750ml

**Winemakers notes by:** David Baverstock and Sandra Alves

Color: Deep garnet.

Aroma: Intense, with plum fruit aroma, coffee and dark chocolate notes.

Palate: Precise and balanced. With elegant structure that reflect the identity of the grape in its origin.

**Awards & Critiques:**

Wine Enthusiast

93 pts | 2014

92 pts | 2013

Robert Parker

91pts | 2014

90 pts | 2013

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