

ESPORÃO RESERVA

WHITE - 2021- DOC Alentejo



Wine concept: A classic wine 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.

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: Vineyard with certified organic farming.

Soil Type: Granite/schist base, with a loam/clay structure.

Vineyard age: 16 to 26 years.

Grape varieties: Antão Vaz, Arinto, Roupeiro

Vinification: Destemming, cold settling, skin maceration, pressing, must decantation, temperature-controlled fermentation 75% of the batch in stainless steel tanks and 25% in new American and French oak barrels.

Maturation: Six months in stainless steel tanks and in new American and French oak barrels, with ageing on fine lees.

Bottling: From May 2022

Technical information:

Alcohol/volume 14%

Total Acidity: 6,50

pH: 3,19

Reducing sugar: 1,7

Available Formats: 750 ml

Winemakers notes by: Sandra Alves e Joao Ramos

Color: Crystal clear, light straw color with green hues.

Aroma: Citrus notes with a predominance of tangerine and lemon. Mint notes complemented with white pepper and nutmeg.

Palate: Elegant and harmonious with balanced fruit and spices presence. Intense and persistent finish.

Wine Enthusiast gives:

92pts /2020

90 pts / Editor's Choice | 2019 | 2018
2015 | 2011

91 pts / Editor's Choice | 2009

Wine Spectator

Top 100 Best Value | 2017

Robert Parker

90 Pts | 2016