



## ALMENDRA Reserva Red 2016

### GRAPES

We selected grapes of the Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional varieties, all produced on our Estate farms, to create a balanced wine with the firm tannins of Tinta Roriz, the rock rose notes and the soft tannins of Touriga Franca, and the aromas of black fruits and berries, along with strong fresh floral notes of Touriga Nacional.

### HARVEST

The year 2016 was characterized by a cold, dry Winter, followed by a Spring with abnormally abundant precipitation, which lasted until late June, leading into an extremely dry and hot Summer with high temperature peaks. These conditions caused very long maturations, benefiting the early varieties. The daily checking of maturation in the vineyard has proved to be an essential tool for the production of aromatic wines with balanced acidity.

### VINIFICATION

The wine is vinified in the cellar of our Quinta das Marvalhas in Almendra, in the heart of Douro Superior. Our winery is equipped with the latest technology and enables complete control of temperature, essential for our region of extreme climates. When grapes arrive at the winery, we eliminate clusters which are not in perfect condition. After total de-stemming, the grapes are softly crushed and pass through a thermal shock, followed by a period of cold pre-fermentative maceration for about 12 to 24 hours. The must is transferred to broad and low fermentation stainless steel vats, where the maceration occurs for 8 days at 22°C.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is dark in color, followed by ripe blackberry, fig and black cherry aromas with lightly integrated oak. It is a medium body, with an elegant texture and forward fruits on the palate. This wine matches with meats, cheeses and most Mediterranean cuisine.

Serve between 15 and 16 ° C.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### HARVEST 2016

APPELLATION: DOC DOURO

LOT: VRA16 (50% Touriga Nacional, 30% Tinta Roriz and 20% Touriga Franca)

VINEYARDS: Vineyards in the Douro Superior

WINE AGING: stainless steel (50%) and 12 Months in American and French barrels.

ALCOHOL: 14,00%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.7 g/L (tartaric acid)

VOLATILE ACIDITY: 0.5 g/L (acetic acid)

pH: 3.57

Free SO<sub>2</sub>: 25 mg/L 2

SO<sub>2</sub> Total: 56 mg/L 2

Residual Sugar: 3,2 g/L

BOTTLING: JUL 2019

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