



QUINTA
DA
FONTE SOUTO
P O R T A L E G R E



SCORES

91 Points, Wine Spectator, 2023
90 Points, Wine Advocate, 2023

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THE VINEYARD

The 511-acre Quinta da Fonte Souto was acquired by the Symington family in 2017. Lying on the slopes of the São Mamede mountain range at an altitude of 1640 feet in the Alentejo sub-region of Portalegre.

THE WINE

The Fonte Souto Estate red embodies all the strengths of the property's unique terroir. The freshness and balance afforded by the altitude; the concentration, which derives from mature, low-yielding vines, and the complexity and structure provided by the judicious combination of grape varieties. This red is built around the signature Alicante Bouschet with important contributions from Alfrocheiro and Syrah.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

In Portalegre the agricultural year was dry and relatively mild with the wide diurnal temperature variations during the hotter months contributing to even progression of the maturations and to the preservation of the acidity in the grapes, which reached the vintage particularly fresh and with aromatic exuberance. There was some rain during August in the lead up to the vintage and this rebalanced the vines in the final ripening stretch and created the conditions necessary for completion of phenolic maturation. Yields were relatively low, and this contributed to better balance and higher quality in the grapes. We produced very fresh, elegant wines, whilst still taut and with a well-defined texture. In this third vintage in Portalegre, we made wines that were the closest yet to the typical profile of this subregion.

WINEMAKING

The hand-picked grapes are placed in small, shallow boxes and taken to the on-site winery. Manual sorting is followed by destemming and gentle crushing after which grapes are transferred to the fermentation vats. Fermentations are individually monitored, and the temperature and macerations are adjusted to maximise the potential of each fermenting batch. A period of post fermentation maceration follows to encourage the extraction of some tannin from the pips to complement those extracted from the grape skins. This adds structure and longevity to the wines.

WINEMAKERS

Charles Symington, Pedro Correia and José Daniel Soares (resident winemaker)

GRAPE VARIETIES

45% Alicante Bouschet
30% Syrah
25% Alfrocheiro

AGING

50% of the blend aged 8 months in second and third year 400 l French oak barrels.

WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 14.5% vol
Total acidity: 5.4 g/l tartaric acid

Bottled in October 2022

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Suitable for Vegans.

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