



QUINTA
DA
FONTE SOUTO



SCORES

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast, 2023

QUINTA DA FONTE SOUTO VINHA DO SOUTO 2019

THE WINE

This is the flagship wine of the estate, named after its beautiful chestnut groves (Soutos), that lie close to the vineyards from which the grapes are sourced, namely the finest parcels of Alicante Bouschet and Syrah. The lower vigor of these vines and the low yields resulted in concentrated, structured wines that also reflect the singular freshness which the altitude provides.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

In Portalegre, the agricultural year was dry and relatively mild with the wide diurnal temperature shift during the hotter months contributing to an 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 necessary conditions 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. The grapes sourced from the property's finest vineyard parcels are vinified in smaller capacity fermentation vats, worked manually with cap submersion and post fermentation maceration 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

60% Syrah
40% Alicante Bouschet

AGING

70% of the blend aged 12 months in new French oak barrels and 30% in second year barrels (both 400L barrels) for 11 months.

WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 14.8% vol
Total acidity: 5.3 g/l tartaric acid

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Suitable for Vegans.

TASTING NOTE

Aromas of blueberry and blackberry, as well hints of liquorice and ginger, interlaced with smoky notes and woodland fragrance. The palate is compact, concentrated, and complex. Formidable structure with grainy tannins, tamed by the excellent acidity which reflects the year's cooler growing cycle. There is a second wave on the palate, revealing black chocolate, powdered pepper, and black tea. Holds the promise of considerable aging potential.

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