

PORTALEGRE



SCORES

90 Points, Wine Enthusiast, 2020

QUINTA DA FONTE SOUTO WHITE 2017

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The 5II-acre Quinta da Fonte Souto was acquired by the symington family in 2017 and is their first vineyard outside the Douro. Lying on the slopes of the São Mamede mountain range at an altitude of 1640 feet in the Alentejo sub-region of Portalegre, the property benefits from cooler and wetter conditions than the hot Alentejo plain. The Fonte Souto wines express the freshness and elegance provided by the altitude, as well as the structure and complexity from the estate's extensive collection of mature, low-yielding vines.

THE WINE

The Fonte Souto Estate white wine 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 barrel fermentation sur-lie whith bâtonnage. This white allows for maximum expression of the Arinto, widely regarded as Portugal's finest white grape variety and has a smaller Verdelho component.

WINEMAKERS

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

GRAPE VARIETIES 75% Arinto 25% Verdelho

AGING

60% of the blend was fermented and aged 8 months in new 500 l oak barrels (French oak, Central European Oak and acacia wood), in contact with the lees.

600 cases produced (12x750ml) Bottled in April 2019

UPC: 094799230014

TASTING NOTE

Luminous pale straw-golden color. Expressive aromas of honeysuckle with soft buttersotch notes. The seamless barrel integration is mirrored in the delicate touch of vanilla. On the palate, the fruit is crisp and focused with succulent flavors of white plum and citrus tones in the background. Harmonious and charming, revealing good bottle-aging character.

WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 14.3% vol

Total acidity: 6.5 g/l tartaric acid

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