



ALICANTE BOUSCHET 2012

DOC Alentejo

Concept: These wines are only produced in exceptional years, from unique plots at Herdade do Esporão, which express the true potential and original character of the individual grape variety.

Harvest Year: This harvest was characterized by a rainy winter followed by a long and mild summer. These cooler summer temperatures allowed for ideal grape maturation conditions.

Viticulture:

Soil Type: Deep, dark colour, limestone origins, clay like texture.

Average age of vines: 12 years.

Vinification: Temperature controlled fermentation (28°C) in small stainless steel tanks.

Maturation: 12 months ageing in American oak barrels, 12 months bottle ageing before market release.

Bottling: May 2014.

Chemical Analyses

Alcohol: 14,5%

Total Acidity: 7,05 gr/l

pH: 3,53

Reducing Sugar: 2,6 g/l

Formats available: 750 ml.

Winemakers: David Baverstock and Luís Patrão.

Colour: Deep concentrated red.

Aroma: Complex aroma of dark berry fruits with notes of cigar box and leather.

Palate: Rich fruit with robust tannins, well structured, long and persistent finish.