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The Alfrocheiro grape variety first emerged in Portugal and in the Dão region after the phylloxera epidemic and finds its natural territory in this region.

We do not know of any foreign or national origins of this grape variety, but it was once known as the “Tinta Francesa de Viseu” (equal to French red grape variety from Viseu). It is a very rare, high-altitude grape variety, that teaches us to produce small amounts and respect its fragility, in order to obtain firm, delicate and structuring tannins.



GENERAL

First Harvest: 2018
Owner: Amorim Family
Winemakers: Jorge Alves & Rodrigo Costa
Viticulture: Ana Mota

VINE

Grape varieties: 100% Alfrocheiro
Soils: Granitic
Zone: Silvã de Cima, Castendo
Production mode: Integrated
Harvest: by hand
Average yield: 4000 Kg/ha

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

100% vibration screening and destemmed
Ageing: 20% in new 500 litres French oak barrels;
80% in second year barrels for 9 months
Alcohol: 13.5% vol.
Bottling: May 2022
Production: 10.000 bottles

2020 HARVEST

From 8th of September to the 3rd October

There was an early spring in the months of January and February. The technical team chose to delay the cycle, and pruned in March, thereby avoiding production losses due to the late April frosts that occurred in the Dão demarcated wine region.

During the spring, there was above normal precipitation, which proved to be very positive in restoring the desired water levels in the soil and for perfect development of the remaining vegetative cycle. The summer was mild and cool, which enabled a very balanced maturation of the grapes, without water stress.

This harvest proved to be generous in terms of the quantity and quality of the grapes. All the refined technical expertise and the capacity to know how to wait for the right moment, based on the search for the best natural balance of acidity/pH/sugars, combined with careful control of the phenolic maturation of the grapes. This has allowed us to create unique wines. The generous fruit, precision, complexity and concentration, combined with the elegance and fluidity of the musts, has enabled us to produce wines with a profile and richness that mirror this unique terroir.

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