



Alicante Bouchet, Syrah, Trincadeira

POUSIO SELECTION BY LUÍS DUARTE

Vinho Regional Alentejano

REGION: Alentejo, Portugal
VINTAGE: 2017
STYLE: Red
GRAPE: Alicante Bouchet, Syrah, Trincadeira
METHODS: VEGAN
ENJOY WITH: Game, Hearty Roots, Beef & Lamb, Soft Cheese

THE VINEYARD, WINE MAKER AND HISTORY:

With 25 years of experience, Luís Duarte has been responsible for the successful projects of Herdade do Esporão and most recently Herdade dos Grous. One of Portugal's most recognized vigneron, Luís is the only winemaker to have been awarded Winemaker of the Year 2 times in both 1997 and 2007.

Despite being deeply connected to the Alentejo, in the south of Portugal, Luís Duarte is actually from the Douro. His career has been marked by his pioneering spirit, the ability to be one step ahead the game and to take chances, as well as his practicality with which he has taken on the challenges that he has been faced with. He was one of the first students to have been awarded the degree of Oenology from UTAD – the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro.

Luís has consulted on a multitude of highly acclaimed wineries throughout Portugal and aims to develop wine blends tailored to the preferences of the international wine lover, leveraging indigenous grape varieties and ancient winemaking processes, while utilizing state of the art technology.

Alentejo is a region in southern Portugal, famed for its hot, dry climate and renowned as a birthplace of premium wines. Herdade Monte da Ribeira, and the neighbouring terrains acquired through the years, comprises a territory of over 1000ha. These are mostly forested areas where one will find holm oaks, cork oaks and strawberry trees. Herdade do Monte da Ribeira - located next to the village of Marmelar, in the municipality of Vidigueira - was purchased by Victor Carmona e Costa in 1987. Since his death in 2009, it has belonged to the Foundation bearing his name, which remains in the family. It became renowned in the 1990s for the production of Pousio and Quatro Caminhos.

TASTING NOTES:

This deep ruby coloured wine boasts an aroma of ripe fruit resembling black prune and sloe jam. Soft black fruit in the background and delicate minerality. Very intense in the mouth, marked by rounded and flavoursome tannins, medium-bodied, it demonstrates personality and determination.