



RIBEIRO SANTO ENVELOPE

DOC DÃO Red 2015

REGION

The D.O.C. Dão region is one of the oldest Wine Regions of Portugal, which goes back to 1908. Located in central Portugal in a mountainous region ranging from 400 to 700 m above sea level, this region has its reference point at the mountain "Serra da Estrela", the highest in mainland Portugal's. Its name comes from the river that crosses the Region, the river Dão. The characteristics of the wines are strongly influenced by the granitic terrain and the fact that the vines are inserted in forests with pines, eucalyptus and oak trees.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard is planted following the traditional plantation methods, in poor ground granite soils, with large rocky outcrops, where you can have a magnificent perspective of the highness of the Mountain Serra da Estrela. The entire vineyard is planted following an integrated Production System, which demonstrates a great concern with the environmental issues. Carlos Lucas calls these new wines *Envelope*, evoking the Time (the day and night) a letter takes to reach its destination. Communication takes its time enjoying the best of two worlds with a classic red & white Dão Doc.

VINIFICATION

The harvest took place in the second week of September. A blend made from Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz and Tinto Cão from 40 year old vineyards, fermented 100% with stalks. In the middle of the process, to avoid the astringency of the tannins, we interrupt the contact with the skin. It aged for 12 months in 300L barrels and then remained for another 8 months in the bottle before leaving for the market.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Clear and open color. It shows a very fresh aroma, very mineral, with wild fruits, spices and reduction notes. In the mouth it is fresh, with a well-defined acidity, very polished tannins and a long, deep and delicate finish.

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| Alcoholic degree | 13,5 % vol. |
| Total Acidity | 5,75 g/L |
| pH | 3,73 |
| Total sugar | <1,0 g/L |
| Grape varieties | Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz & Tinto Cão |
| Ageing | 300L Barrel |
| Winemaker | Carlos Lucas |
| Production | 1600 bottles |

