

TABOADELLA
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Reserva Encruzado

White 2024



The Encruzado grape variety, also known as Salgueirinho, is an endemic grape variety of the Dão region. We share our care for the Encruzado grape variety in this plot, situated in the sheltered, high-altitude land of the Taboadella vineyard, in granites that have been metamorphosed over hundreds of thousands of years. The delicate development of the crossed vines requires extra attention during the growing season. The returns are enormous – a firm and exuberant wine, with a silky texture, a linear structure and striking depth. It's a wine of the present and future.

OVERVIEW

First Harvest: 2018 Owner: Amorim Family
Winemaker: Rodrigo Costa

VINEYARD

Grape Varietie: 100% Encruzado
Soils: Granitic Sub-region: Castendo Production method: Integrated
Harvest: By hand Average Yield: 5000 kg/ha

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

100% whole grape
Ageing: 50% in used 500-liter French oak barrels, 30% in cement Tulipe tanks and 20% in stainless steel tanks (7 months)
Alcohol: 13.5% Vol. Bottling: April 2024 Production: 50000 bottles

2024 HARVEST

The year 2024 presented significant climatic challenges. Spring was marked by precipitation and mild temperatures. The intentional delay in pruning, a technical decision, avoided exposure to late frosts (which occurred in the second half of April) and mitigated the impact of poor fruit set during flowering, which was widespread throughout the region. The vines had a normal flowering period, with excellent cluster development. The months of June, July and August were cooler, with occasional precipitation, but daytime temperatures remained high.

At the end of the summer, a heat spike led to an early harvest. However, the mild nights throughout the growing season allowed for optimum development and ripening of the grape bunches. These thermal variations - along with perfectly planted and adapted vines, and soils with excellent water retention - contributed to a balanced ripening process, resulting in grapes of exceptional quality. These unique microclimatic conditions at Taboadella have allowed us to produce wines with a distinct character and richness, perfectly reflecting the unique terroir from which they come.
