

TABOADELLA

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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.



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GENERAL

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

VINE

Grape varieties: 100% Encruzado
Soils: Granitic
Sub-region: Silvã de Cima, Castendo
Production mode: Integrated
Harvest: by hand
Average yield: 5000 kg/ha

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

100% Whole grape
Ageing: 50% in used 500-litre French oak barrels,
30% in cement Tulipe tanks and
20% in stainless steel tanks (7 months)
Alcohol: 13.5% Vol.
Bottling: April 2025
Production: 50 000 bottles

2024 HARVEST

From the 28th of August to the 30th of September

The year 2024 posed significant climatic challenges. Spring was marked by rainfall and mild temperatures. The intentional delay in pruning, a technical decision, prevented 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 across the region. The vines flowered normally, with excellent bunch development.

June, July, and August were cooler months with occasional rainfall, although daytime temperatures remained high. Towards the end of summer, a spike in heat led to an early harvest. Nevertheless, the mild nights throughout the growing season supported optimal bunch grapes development and ripening. These thermal variations - together with well-adapted, established vineyards and soils with excellent water retention - contributed to a balanced ripening process, resulting in grapes of exceptional quality.

These unique microclimatic conditions at Taboadella enabled us to craft wines with distinctive character and richness, perfectly reflecting the singular terroir from which they originate.

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