

TABOADELLA

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Encruzado, also known as Salgueirinho, is an endemic grape variety from the Dão region. Cultivated in the sheltered highlands of Taboadella's vineyard, in granites that have metamorphosed over hundreds of thousands of years, this lot of wines shares the special care taken with the Encruzado grape variety. The delicate cultivation of the Encruzado vines requires increased attention during the growing season, delivering tremendous rewards - the wine is firm and exuberant, with a silky texture, linear structure and notable depth. It is a wine of the present and future.



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GENERAL

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

VINE

Grape varieties: 100% Encruzado
Soils: Granitic
Zone: Silvã de Cima, Castendo
Mode of production: Integrated
Harvest: Manual
Average Yield: 4200 Kg/Ha

ADDITIONAL WINEMAKING NOTES

100% Whole Grape
Ageing:
50% for 8 months in new french oak barrels and 50% in stainless steel vats
Alcohol: 13,50% Vol.
Bottling: October 2019
Production: 3530 bottles

2018 HARVEST

From 20TH September to 7TH October
The winter was very dry and there was abundant rainfall in the spring and early summer, causing significant delays in the development of the vegetative cycle until the end of July, some coulure, deficient fruit set and grape development.
This climactic situation forced extra attention to avoid the proliferation of vine diseases, such as downy mildew and powdery mildew, and to avoid undermining the already diminished production envisioned. A very hot month in August confirmed that it had been correct not to defoliate the vines, keeping the bunches intact and with only slight losses in production.
Thanks to the meticulous work carried out throughout the year, we have obtained a remarkable quality of grapes. A longer maturation period was crucial to obtain the desired qualitative levels. The wines were aromatically pure, with exuberant fruit and enormous complexity. An unequivocal consequence of the long maturation process was that the wines of the 2018 vintage have a vertical structure, opulent body and a silky texture, very characteristic of the unique terroir of the Taboadella.

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