TAPADA DE VILLAR · QUINTA DAS ARCAS · PORTUGAL

Reserva Alentejo Tinto, 2021

Alentejo DOC, Orada, Borba, Alentejo





COLOUR	GRAPES	ALCOHOL	RESIDUAL SUGAR	TOTAL ACIDITY	VINTAGE · VOLUME
Red	Alicante Bouschet 50%, Touriga Nacional 30%, Syrah 20%	14.5%	≤ 1.5 g/L	5.7 g/L	2021 · 750 ml

STILL, FULL-BODIED

Tasting notes

Very dark, concentrated ruby. Spice, dried fruit and gentle notes of jam and chocolate. Great complexity and structure, with volume, soft, well-blended tannins and an elegant finish.

Food pairing

Ideal to pair with creamy cheese, traditional meat sausage or cured meat. Very pleasant with “tapas” or between any meal in good company of friends.

Cellar and service

SERVE AT	16–18 °C
STORAGE	Lying down in a cool, dry place

Vineyard

ESTATE	Herdade Penedo Gordo, Orada, Borba
AREA	Selected parcels of the estate's ~160 ha
SOIL	Schist and clay
ELEVATION	About 300 m
VINE AGE	About 20 years on average
YIELD	Down to about 4 t/ha for Reserva parcels
CLIMATE	Inland, strongly continental

Winemaking

VINIFICATION	Grapes from selected parcels, picked at night to avoid the heat, destemmed at the winery in the middle of the vineyard; skin-contact fermentation in vat with délestage.
MALOLACTIC	Not usually (house practice)
MATURATION	8 months in French oak

Producer · Quinta das Arcas

FOUNDED	1984 (family vineyard work since the late 1970s)
OWNERS	Monteiro family: Esteves Monteiro (founder) and Lisete Oliveira; sons António (export) and Mário (domestic market), daughter Diana (wine tourism)
WINEMAKERS	Fernando Machado and Henrique Lopes
ESTATES	Vinho Verde (Quinta das Arcas, Sobrado, Valongo), Alentejo (Herdade Penedo Gordo, Orada, Borba), Douro (bought-in grapes)
FARMING	Conventional, with a sustainability focus; about 1.5% of the area farmed organically
HOUSE STYLE	Malolactic fermentation usually not done; 100% French oak wherever oak is used
PRODUCTION	About 3 million bottles in Vinho Verde, 1 million in Alentejo, 100,000 in Douro; exported to 35+ countries

Trade & logistics

BOTTLE	Bordeaux Prestígio tronco-conical 750 ml, 1.47 kg, EAN 5603238433876
CASE	6 bottles, 8.82 kg, 320 × 170 × 250 mm, EAN 15603238433873
PALLET	Euro pallet, 70 cases, 638 kg, 120 × 80 × 134 cm

Say it: Quinta das Arcas: KEEN-tah dahsh AR-kahsh; Reserva: reh-SER-vah; Alentejo: ah-len-TAY-zhoo