



Domingos Soares Franco is the younger brother in the sixth generation of the family that has run José Maria da Fonseca since its foundation in 1834. As both Vice-President and senior winemaker of the company Domingos has become a prominent figure in the field of Portuguese winegrowing. This status is not derived solely from his connection to this prestigious Vila Nogueira de Azeitão company. It is also from the fact that Domingos was the first Portuguese to graduate in Fermentation Sciences from the University of California in Davis, USA. This achievement is important in the influence it has had on his view of vines and wines: although intending to maintain the distinctive features of Portuguese wines he is constantly looking to the future, seeking innovation wherever possible.

Although all José Maria da Fonseca's wines are of his making, some are particularly special to him. Labelled "Domingos Soares Franco Private Collection".

### Vintage Information

**TYPE OF WINE:** Red

**VINTAGE:** 2017

**GRAPES:** Malbec

**TYPE OF SOIL:** Clay-lime and sandy

**WINEMAKER:** Domingo Soares Franco

**VINTAGE:** The harvest of 2017, with all the adversities of drought and extreme heat, is showing an exceptional quality, very close or even superior to 2011 harvest.

**VINIFICATION:** Traditional method in circular stainless steel lagar for footroden

**AGEING:** Without oak

**DATE OF BOTTLING:** April 2019

**WINE PRODUCTION:** 6 400 liters

**AVAILABLE BOTTLES:** 750 ml

**STORAGE:** The bottles should be laid down at a temperature of 12°C and 60% humidity.

**SHELF LIFE:** 15 years after bottling

**SERVING SUGGESTIONS:** Should be served with game and cheese at a temperature of 14°C.

**ANALYSES:** 13% Alcohol | 6,82 g/l as tartaric acid | 3,25 pH | less than 2 g/l reducing sugars

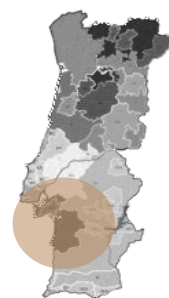
### Tasting Notes

**COLOR:** Dark red

**AROMA:** Blackberries, dates, dry figs, black cherry, mint, young and elegant

**PALATE:** Fruity, austere, complex with persistant tannins and well-balanced acidity

**FINISH:** Medium/Long



**CLASSIFICATION:**

Regional wine

**REGION:**

Setúbal Peninsula