

MONTADO

2018

HISTORY

The purchase of Casa Agrícola José de Sousa Rosado Fernandes in 1986 saw a long-held dream become reality for José Maria da Fonseca: to produce Alentejo's wine using traditional winemaking methods from a historic and prestigious estate. The property won on both counts, having produced wine since 1878 and having one absolutely legendary vintage - José de Sousa 1940. Montado was first produced in from the 1991 harvest and has kept to the original blend ever since.

José Maria da Fonseca is the oldest and one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal, producing wines, Port and Setúbal Moscatel. The Soares Franco family owns José Maria da Fonseca and has been involved in the wine business for almost 200 years. With over 650 hectares of land under vine in our main wine regions: Península de Setúbal, Alentejo and Douro, José Maria Fonseca also boasts Portugal's largest winery, with capacity to produce 6.5 million litres of wine in a totally computerised operation.

WINEMAKERS TEAM

Under the guidance of Domingos Soares Franco - the first Portuguese enologist to graduate from the recognized University of Davis in California - a team of hand-picked enologists are responsible for undertaking a wide range of research, studies, experiments and innovation that make José Maria da Fonseca a pioneer in much of what is done in terms of enology in Portugal and in the world. This is a job that starts in the vineyard, covers the entire production process and ends in the bottled wine made available to the consumer.



Regional Alentejano

Montado was first produced from the 1991 harvest, and the original blend has been maintained thereafter, made mainly from grape varieties traditional to the Alentejo region.

REVIEWS

2014 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos – Best Buy award - **15 pts** /
Decanter – “Highly Recommended” – **93 pts**

2012 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos – Best Buy award - **15 pts**

2010 Vintage:

International Wine & Spirits Competition 2011
- **Bronze Medal** / Decanter Wine Awards
2011 - **Bronze Medal**

2009 Vintage:

Website Maria João Almeida - **80 pts**

2008 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos - Best Buy award 2009

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Classification: Regional Alentejano

Type: Red

Region: Alentejo

Grape varieties: Aragonês (43%), Trincadeira (38%), Syrah (10%) and Alicante Bouschet (9%)

Type of soil: Slate

Wine production: 90.000 litres

Tasting notes:

Colour: Ruby
Aroma: Chocolate, tobacco leaf, oak
Palate: Fruity, smooth with soft tannins but present
Finish: Medium

Vinification: Maceration at 28°C with stems

Ageing: 4 months in French and American oak

Date of Bottling: February 2019

Analyses:

Alcohol – 14.0 %
Total Acidity - 5.48 g/l as tartaric acid
pH - 3.33

Serving suggestions: Serve at a temperature of 14°C, consume at 17°C with red meat.

Storage: Store bottles at a temperature of 12°C and 60% humidity.

Shelf life: Drink while young.

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