PRETEXTO Red 2018

D.O.C. DÃO

VINEYARD

Pretexto is a portuguese red wine produced with our own grapes from different vineyards in Dão's region. In 2018, these grapes came 90% from Penalva do Castelo (Jaen, Alfrocheiro and Tinta Roriz) from vines at 550-620 meters above sea level in quartz and clay soils, and 10% from Vila Nova de Tázem (Touriga Nacional) from vines on granite soils and at 480-550 meters of altitude. All these vineyard plots are currently being converted for organic certification.

WINERY

Fermented in stainless steel tanks with 30% of whole bunch and pressed after 30 days on skins. The final blend aged in French oak vats (5000 L) and barrels for 11 months.

TASTING NOTES

With delicate aromas and a lively character of red fruit, the most evident being cherry. The mouth confirms this fruit and combines good acidity with some carbonic notes and a minty and balsamic profile. Smooth tannins, pleasant herbaceous from the use of whole bunch and good length at the end of the mouth. It is an elegant wine with the typical freshness of Dão.

OTHER NOTES

This red wine is very versatile on the table and it pairs with many typical Portuguese food such as duck rice or grilled pork as well as with tapas. Serve just below room temperature 16-18°C.

Bottles 9840 (0,75 L) | 100 (1,5 L)

Alcohol 13,6 % vol. | Total acidity: 5,24 g/L| pH: 3.77 | Residual sugars: 0,6 g/L Winemaker Luis Seabra



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Jancis Poloinson Jancis Robinson.com	Mid, lively cherry red. Such an inviting aroma that is all zippy red fruit, more raspberry than strawberry and a just a touch of stemmy freshness and herbs from the 30% of whole bunches. A stony edge and very little sign of the oak on the nose. You can taste the oak on the palate but it's as much in the texture (smooth and rounded tannins) as in the flavour (sweet spice). But it's the fruit that shines and dominates this wine as well as a delicate floral note and just-right freshness. Chalky, chewy at the very end. Moreish and needs food at the moment. Best served slightly cool. (JH)	16 /20
VI NHHOS	Ruby of medium intensity, vivacious. An appetizing Dão that refers to the excellent granitic crus of Beaujolais, but with the local typicality. Wild red fruits and crunchy black fruits, in addition to a pleasant vegetable note of the stem, invite to a pulsating, irresistible mouth, a "gluglu" wine of great versatility at the table. (GC)	16,5 /20