Mateus,

Rosé Original NV



Grape Varieties	**Baga** **Rufete** **Tinta Barroca** **Touriga Franca**
Closure	**Screwcap**
ABV	**10%**
Residual Sugar	**15g/L**
Acidity	**6.5g/L**
Wine pH	**3.31**
Bottle Sizes	**18.75cl,75cl**
Notes	**Sustainable, Vegetarian**

PRODUCER

Over 80 years since 'The Original' brand of rosé was first launched in 1942, Mateus remains a firm favourite amongst UK wine drinkers, loved for its consistently fresh and well-balanced style. Throughout its history, Mateus has been the drink of choice for rockstars and royalty, being a favourite of Jimi Hendrix's and Queen Elizabeth II (who famously ordered it regularly at The Savoy), featuring on Elton John's 'Yellow Brick Road' album and being the catalyst for Neil Young's album 'On the Beach'. Today, the winemaking is overseen by Diogo Sepúlveda, who retains Mateus' signature flavours based on Portugal's Baga grape, underscored by extraordinary balance and freshness.

VINEYARDS

Miguel sources grapes from throughout Portugal, but the Mateus style is based primarily on the Baga grape, which is the principal variety in the Bairrada region, where the winery is situated. This region also provides the Rufete and Touriga Franca grape varieties, that add freshness and complexity to the Mateus blend due to their moderate alcoholic strength and balanced acidity.

VINIFICATION

The distinctive fresh, smooth and fruity style of Mateus, owes much to the pioneering ability to stop the fermentation process immediately after pressing the grapes, which allows the wine to be bottled all year round, whilst still fresh and young. Using gentle pressing techniques, the maceration is limited and avoids the extraction of unwanted compounds from the grapes This also avoids prolonged contact between the juice and the grape skin, allowing the wine to retain freshness, whilst still gaining its distinctive pink colour. Fermentation is carried out slowly at a controlled temperature of 16°C. A blend of Baga, Rufete, Tinta Barroca and Touriga Franca, the wine wears its 15 grams of residual sugar well, as the balance with the acidity is cleverly done to give a wine that, if tasted blind, would surprise many.

TASTING NOTES

Mateus Rosé Original has an attractive raspberry pink hue. It has a refreshing acidity with an intense bouquet of red berries and delicate floral notes. On the palate, it is light and well balanced, with a soft effervescence and a hint of sweetness.