

Azamor,

## Petit Verdot Vinho Regional Alentejano 2014

Alentejo, Portugal



AZAMOR

DISTINCTIVE BOUTIQUE WINES



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Petit Verdot</b>
Winemaker	<b>Alison Luiz-Gomes</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Acidity	<b>5.4g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.59</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

### PRODUCER

The family-owned Azamor estate was purchased by Alison and Joaquim Luiz-Gomes in 1998. Known as the "bread basket" of Portugal, the Alentejo has staked a claim as one of the country's most important red wine regions. It is renowned for its consistency of good quality, excellent value, fruit-driven wines. Unlike many producers in the region, Azamor's vineyards are planted on low vigour hillside sites, which gives their wines more depth of flavour. Alison uses a mixture of local varieties like Touriga Nacional, Trincadeira and Alicante Bouschet, as well as international ones such as Petit Verdot, Syrah and Merlot.

### VINEYARDS

The Alentejo climate is known for its cold winters and hot summers. In the winter, the temperature can drop down to 0°C; in summer, it can rise to 43°C. Humidity ranges between 20% in the summer and 100% in the winter, with an average rainfall of 450mm per year. Due to limited water resources on the estate, in 2014 pruning practices were changed to a "dry" vineyard to ensure optimum quality and quantity of grapes.

### VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season benefitted from a cool year with a wet spring and mild fresh summer. With the longer "hang time" and the cooler picking conditions the grapes were of exceptional quality: beautifully complex and balanced, thus far the best year of the decade.

### VINIFICATION

Fermentation began slowly in five tonne lagars at around 21°C before gradually increasing to 24°C. After four days the grapes were pressed and transferred to stainless steel tanks to complete fermentation and undergo malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged for 12 months: 35% in new and second use French (Saury) oak barrels, the remainder in stainless steel.

### TASTING NOTES

This is a vibrant deeply coloured wine with delicate black fruit aromas complemented by smoky notes from the French oak. This elegant wine has soft ripe tannins and an excellent length.

### AWARDS

Sommelier Wine Awards 2019, Silver