

Azamor,

`Selected Vines` Vinho Regional Alentejano 2018

Alentejo, Portugal



AZAMOR

DISTINCTIVE BOUTIQUE WINES



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. The vineyard for this wine sits at 530 metres above sea level.

VINTAGE

The 2018 growing season was challenging to manage, due to mild conditions and limited water resources. High temperatures throughout the month of August caused some of the fruit to burn and stalled the photosynthetic process. Given the challenges in the vineyard, yields were reduced, yet the harvested fruit was of excellent quality.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, each of the grape varieties was fermented separately in stainless steel 10 tanks for up to 10 days at temperatures of 22°C-24°C using only indigenous yeasts. Post malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged in a combination of French (15%) and American (15%) oak barrels, and the remainder in stainless steel. The wine was blended in November 2021 and bottled the following month.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine presents rich aromas of plums and black cherries. The palate is fruit-forward, with well-rounded, silky tannins and demonstrates great ageing potential.

Grape Varieties **40% Syrah**
40% Touriga Franca
20% Alicante Bouschet

Winemaker **Alison Luiz-Gomes**

Closure **Natural Cork**

ABV **14%**

Residual Sugar **4g/L**

Acidity **4.7g/L**

Wine pH **3.62**

Bottle Sizes **75cl**

Notes **Vegetarian, Vegan**