

Azamor,  
**Vinho Regional Alentejano Tinto 2021**  
Alentejo, Portugal



### 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 Azamor vineyards are unique. The 27 hectares of vineyards, situated at 350 metres above sea level, look out over a vast landscape including a breathtaking view of Spain. They are the most densely planted in the region of Alentejo; the north-south rows are planted 2.2 metres by 0.9 metres. The vines grow on clay soils with bedrock of schist, one to two metres deep.

### VINTAGE

The 2021 growing season saw excellent levels of rainfall in February and April, which provided sufficient water reserves to last through the season until picking. The temperatures were high from the end of July until the end of August, reaching peak temperatures of 38°C, but the cooling influence of the altitude preserved the quality of the grapes. The resulting harvest was excellent.

### VINIFICATION

All grape varieties were fermented in separate stainless-steel tanks at controlled temperatures. The fruit underwent a period of cold maceration prior to fermentation to help extract tannins and aromatics. Post-fermentation, the wine was then pressed off the skins before undergoing malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged for seven months, 20% in French and American oak barrels, and blended before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Beautifully aromatic with a lush, deep red fruit perfume. On the palate, the wine is well-rounded with sumptuous soft fruit flavours. The finish is long, with ripe tannins.

Grape Varieties **20% Syrah**  
**16% Touriga Franca**  
**16% Alicante Bouschet**  
**14% Merlot**  
**12% Touriga Nacional**  
**12% Trincadeira/Tinta Amarela**

Winemaker	<b>Mario Andrade and Alison Luiz Gomes</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.4g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.69</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>