

Azamor,

Petit Verdot Vinho Regional Alentejano 2022

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 is known for its dry, hot summers, when the temperature can often rise to 45°C. However, Azamor's vineyard benefit from the cooling influence of altitude. The 27 hectares of vineyards are situated at 350 metres above sea level and are single cordon trained. They are densely planted and grow on clay soils with a bedrock of schist, 1 to 2 metres deep.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was marked by a mild winter followed by a very dry and warm spring. The end of July saw very high temperatures of up to 46°C, which cooled to an average of 35°C for the remainder of summer. Harvest began on the 22nd August and concluded on 10th September, thankfully avoiding heavy rainfall which began on the 13th September. The harvested fruit displayed a wonderful concentration and was very well-balanced.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, each variety was transferred into separate stainless steel tanks and macerated on the skins. Fermentation took place over nine days at controlled temperatures between 22°C-24°C. The wine was then aged for seven months: 20% in used French and American oak barrels and the remainder in stainless steel, prior to blending and bottling in September 2025.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a vibrant colour and delicate violet aromas balanced with herbal aromas of mint and sage. On the palate, the wine presents red plums and black cherries, with a touch of black pepper and lifted aromas from the French oak.

Grape Varieties	100% Petit Verdot
Winemaker	Mario Andrade & Alison Luiz Gomes
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
Acidity	5g/L
Wine pH	3.73
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan