

One of the oldest wine-growing families in the Alentejo region, the Serrano Mira family proudly owns and runs an estate deep in the heart of rural Portugal, stretching across 200 hectares of vines aged between 20 and 60 years. The cellar, located in the Herdade das Servas property, in sun-drenched Estremoz, features top-of-the-range grape-gathering, winemaking and wine-ageing technology, able to produce highly distinctive wines.

HERDADE DAS SERVAS RESERVA 2008

CLASSIFICATION: Regional Alentejo Wine

TYPE: Red

GRAPE VARIETIES: Alicante Bouschet (50%), Touriga Nacional (25%), Syrah (25%)

REGION: Estremoz – Alentejo

SOIL TYPE: Red schist and schist-clay

WINEMAKERS: Luís Mira/Tiago Garcia

HARVESTING: Strict green pruning and bunch thinning are enforced during grape development. Grapes are then harvested by hand and transported to the cellar in small baskets (14-16 kg), where they undergo sorting and destalking.

VINIFICATION: After pre-fermentation maceration at a temperature of 8-10 °C, alcohol fermentation takes place in stainless steel wine presses at 26-28 °C, with pump-over being provided by automated treading/dipping machinery.

AGEING: After ageing for 14 months in mix of French (70%) and American (30%) oak barrels crafted by some of the best international coopers, the wine is laid down for 16 months in our cellars.

STORAGE: Lay down in a cool, dark place for 12-15 years to ensure maximum longevity.

TASTING NOTES: Dark-ruby coloured, it exhibits ripe black fruit aromas, hinting at jam, blended with some spices. The palate is intense, complex and velvety, with firm, supple tannins ensuring good longevity.

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 15%.

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.4 g/l of tartaric acid

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 4.2 g/l

pH: 3.55

PAIRING: Red meat and game, strong flavoured cheese and pork sausage. Best served decanted at a temperature of 16-18 °C.

AWARDS:

Silver Pitcher – Confraria dos Enófilos do Alentejo - Best Alentejo Wines Awards (Reserva 2003)

Trophée Citadelles 2006 – Citadelles du Vin (Reserva 2003)

Gold Medal – Challenge International du Vin (Reserva 2003)

Gold Medal – Wine Master Challenge, Estoril (Reserva 2003)

Bronze Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards (Reserva 2003)

Gold Medal – Mundus Vini, Alemanha (Reserva 2004)

Gold Medal – Concurso Nacional de Vinhos Engarrafados 2008 (Reserva 2004)

Gold Medal – X Concurso de Vinhos ACIC (Reserva 2004)

Honourable Mention - Confraria dos Enófilos do Alentejo - Best Alentejo Wines Awards (Reserva 2006)

