

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 VINHAS VELHAS 2005

CLASSIFICATION: Regional Alentejo Wine

TYPE: Red

GRAPE VARIETIES: Touriga Nacional (40%), Alicante Bouschet (30%) and Syrah (30%)

REGION: Estremoz – Alentejo/Portugal

SOIL TYPE: Red schist and schist-clay

WINEMAKERS: Luís Mira/Tiago Garcia

HARVESTING: Harvested by hand from carefully selected 50-year-old vineyards producing a very low yield per vine, grapes are then transported to the cellar in small baskets (14-16 kg), where they undergo sorting and destalking.

VINIFICATION: After short 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 12 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 a further 18 months in our cellars.

STORAGE: Lay down in a cool, dark place for 13-15 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: 5.7 g/l of tartaric acid

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 3.8 g/l

pH: 3.62

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

AWARDS:

Trophée Citadelles (Ouro) - Les Citadelles du Vin – France 2009
Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2009 - Valencia
Gold Medal – National Bottled Wine Contest 2009 - Santarém
Gold Medal – 11th ACIC Wine Contest – Coimbra
Silver Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards 2009 - London
Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2009 – London
Silver Medal – Mundus Vini 2009 – Germany
93/100 - Best 278 Portuguese Wines in 2009 Guide - Anibal Coutinho
92/100 - Tasting Panel of the Brazilian Sommeliers Association – Rio de Janeiro

