

## Defesa Red 2020 6x75cl

### Winemaker Notes

Intense berry and red plum aromas, with some notes of fresh woods. On the palate the wine is rich and intense, with a vibrant texture and a long and balanced finish.

### Vineyard

Aragonez, Touriga Nacional and Syrah blend from 12-year-old vineyards, planted on granitic and schist soils.

### Winemaking

Each variety is harvested separately, de-stemmed, crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks. Naturally occurring malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

### Vintage

Temperatures in 2020 were slightly higher than the average of the last 21 years, while rainfall was identical to the values recorded in the same period. Winter and spring were mild and rainy, allowing a healthy replenishment of the vines' water reserves, which resulted in good vegetative growth compared with 2019. The summer was very hot and dry, presenting extremely high temperatures in July and leading us to begin the harvest around 2 weeks earlier than 2019. The weather conditions in the veraison phase led to gradual ripening, which enabled a selective harvest that favored the expression and quality of each grape variety.

### Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

Perfect with grilled beef skewers, barbeque or vegetable pie.



#### Grapes

Touriga Nacional  
Syrah  
Aragonez  
Trincadeira  
Tinta Caiada  
Arinto

#### Region/Appellation

Alentejo

#### Alcohol by volume

14.00%

#### Residual Sugar

2.5 g/l

#### pH

3.6

#### Total Acidity

6.19 g/l

#### Drinking Window

2024 - 2027

#### Tasting Guide

A B **C** D E  
Light Medium Full

#### Tasting note printed

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