ESPORÃO

# Defesa Red 2021 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. A long and balanced finish.

## Vineyard

From a combination of vineyards, with average age of 12-years, planted on granitic and schist soils.

## Winemaking

Each variety is harvested separately, destemmed, crushed, and undergoes temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation (22-25°C) in stainless steel tanks.

## Vintage

The 2021 agricultural year was a rainy year. During the vegetative rest period (autumn /winter) precipitation values were higher than the average of the last 22 years, with temperatures remaining mild. At the beginning of the vegetative cycle in spring, practically all the soils had their water reserves completely reestablished. The budburst occurred earlier, and the higher temperatures observed during the spring accelerated the vegetative development until flowering. In summer, milder temperatures contributed to a regular development of the vegetative cycle, allowing maturation to take place in a regular and balanced manner.

## Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

Francesinha (a smoked meat sandwich), grilled red meat or hard cheese.

**Grapes**
50% Touriga Nacional
50% Syrah

**Region/Appellation**
Alentejo

**Alcohol by volume**
14.00%

**Residual Sugar**
2.3 g/l

**pH**
3.54

**Total Acidity**
6.6 g/l

**Drinking Window**
2022 - 2028

**Tasting Guide**

| A | B | C | D | E |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Light | | Medium | | Full |

**Tasting note printed**
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