# **ESPORÃO**

#### Grapes

50% Touriga Nacional 50% Syrah

Region/Appellation Alentejo

Alcohol by volume 13.5%

Residual Sugar 2.3 g/l

pН 3.54

**Total Acidity** 6.6 g/l

**Drinking Window** 2025 - 2028

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# Defesa Red 2022 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-yearold vineyards, planted on granitic and schist soils.

## Winemaking

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

## Vintage

It was a dry and hot year, with the vineyard's inherent challenges, but the vines are well prepared and showed their resilience, providing wholesome grapes. The bunches featured smaller berries, which limited the yield but benefited the quality and concentration of aromas and flavours. During the harvest we faced some challenges, many days of intense heat and some rain, but which resulted in grapes and wines with an elegant and balanced profile.

### Food match

Perfect with grilled beef skewers, barbeque or vegetable pie.

