



# ALVES DE SOUSA

## ABANDONADO

2015

### **Grape Varieties**

ABV

Tinta Amarela Touriga Franca, 14.5% Touriga Nacional, Sousão, etc

#### Vinification

Ten days fermentation with termperature control, 8 days maceration; aged 18 months in French and Portuguese oak

#### History

The Alves de Sousa family has been producing wines for several generations, initially suppling fruit and wine to other port companies. When Domingos Alves de Sousa inherited his family's quintas in 1987, he began producing wine under the family name. After studying viticulture in Bordeaux and his native Portugal, acquiring additional properties and constructing a modern cellar at Quinta da Gaivosa, he released his first vintage in 1991. Since then, Domingos and his wines have gained critical acclaim. Notably, he was named "Producer of the Year" by Revista de Vinhos in 1999 and 2006; he is the only person to have won this prestigious award twice. Today, Domingos and his son, Tiago, run the estate of five quintas producing both still and fortified wines.

#### **Tasting Notes**

Deep ruby colour. Distinct flavours of eucalyptus, refined coffee with hints of tar and black fruits. Suggested food pairing: cheese and egg or fruit-based desserts.