



ALVES DE SOUSA

VALE DA RAPOSA GRANDE ESCOLHA

2015



Grape varieties

Touriga Nacional, Tinta
Barroca, Tinta Roriz, Old Vines

ABV

14.5%

Vinification

Destemmed. 7-day fermentation with temperature control and 4 more days of maceration. 18 months aging in French oak barrels.

History

The Alves de Sousa family has been producing wines for several generations, initially supplying 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 2007; 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 color. Aromas of cherries, dark chocolate, violets and cigar box. Much complex and with great class, elegant, engaging and with great harmony. Long finish.