

HERDADE do FREIXO

Established 1808

FREIXO RESERVE

CHARDONNAY 2016

DENOMINATION

Alentejo Regional Wine

SUB-REGION

Redondo

GRAPE VARIETIES

Chardonnay 100%

VINIFICATION AND AGEING

Planted in a precise terroir at Herdade do Freixo, dominated by the cool breezes of the Ossa mountains, the grapes are selected and harvested in the early morning. After complete de-stemming and a light pressing, the must is fermented in French oak barrels followed by battonage over four months on fine lees. After lot selection, the wine is filtered and bottled young in order to express the character of the Chardonnay variety.

CONSUMPTION AND LIFETIME

Ideal drinking temperature 10°C. It pairs with simple fish dishes, salads and white meats, as well as with strongly flavoured oriental cuisine and Mediterranean roasted and stewed dishes. When matched with sushi and delicate fusion dishes it harmonises the aromas and flavours in a complementary and balanced way.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

It reflects all the aromatic depth of the Chardonnay grape variety, but with the strong influence of the Freixo terroir. It is a rich and expressive wine of a brilliant gold colour. The mineral notes stand out in harmony with fresh tropical fruits and a discrete wood note. It is full in the mouth, with white peach, pineapple, quince and a buttery finish. Optimal acidity balances it and makes it long.

THE 2016 HARVEST

A very rainy Spring was followed by an extremely hot Summer with several consecutive days of temperatures above 40°C, but with quite cool, and even cold nights during maturation. This temperature range, along with the micro-climate of the Ossa mountains and plentiful irrigation, led to lengthy maturation and balanced grapes, with the white varieties showing excellent sugar/acidity balance and excellent aromatic notes. The harvest began with the Chardonnay variety and continued with Sauvignon blanc, Alvarinho and finally Arinto.

WINEMAKER

Pedro de Vasconcellos
e Souza

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Acohol: 14%
Reducing sugars: 0,4
Total acidity: 5,5
PH: 3,57

QUANTITY PRODUCED

6 600 bottles



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