

It is both our highest privilege and greatest responsibility to craft a wine that would be a fitting tribute to world-renowned fado diva Amália Rodrigues, as her gift for musically embodying the soul of an entire nation was only exceeded by a keen desire to help others. It was her dying wish that the Amália Rodrigues foundation be set up to support relief and social welfare institutions. A vinous realisation of the Queen of Fado's wish, this wine was designed to assist those in need.

HERDADE DAS SERVAS **AMÁLIA** 2006

CLASSIFICATION: Regional Alentejo Wine

TYPE: Red

GRAPE VARIETIES: Touriga Nacional (40%), Alicante Bouschet (30%) and Aragonês (30%)

REGION: Estremoz – Alentejo

SOIL TYPE: Red schist and schist-clay

WINEMAKERS: Luís Mira/Tiago Garcia

HARVESTING: Strict green pruning and bunch thinning are enforced during grape development. Grapes are then harvested by hand and transported to the cellar in small baskets (14-16 kg), where they undergo sorting and destalking.

VINIFICATION: After pre-fermentation maceration at a temperature of 8-10 °C, alcohol fermentation takes place in stainless steel wine presses at 26-28 °C, with pump-over being provided by automated treading/dipping machinery.

AGEING: After ageing for 15 months in mix of French (70%) and American (30%) oak barrels crafted by some of the best international coopers, the wine is laid down for 16 months in our cellars.

STORAGE: Lay down in a cool, dark place for 12-15 years to ensure maximum longevity.

TASTING NOTES: Dark-ruby coloured, almost opaque, it exhibits black fruit aromas, especially plum and mulberry, hinting at jam, blended with some spices. The palate is intense, complex, velvety and full-bodied, with firm, supple tannins ensuring good longevity.

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 15%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.3 g/l of tartaric acid

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 4.1 g/l

pH: 3.50

PAIRING: Strong flavoured cheese, one of Amália's favourite delicacies. Best served decanted at a temperature of 16-18 °C.

AWARDS:

Honourable Mention - Confraria dos Enófilos do Alentejo - Best Alentejo Wines Awards

