

Vinhos Aparte, Superavit (2020)

Producer	Vinhos Aparte
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape varieties	Moscatel, Bical
Region	Lisboa, Portugal
Vintage	2020

SUPERAVIT

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — 12-002-05-20

Distributor's notes

Based in Lisbon, this is one of the exciting limited projects that Vinhos Aparte has up their sleeves. From 3 vineyards in Lisboa--Dão--Trás-os-Montes, grown organically on clay-limestone soils at 100m elevation. As of 2020 it is a blend of mostly Arinto (from Alenquer), with some Alvarinho, Fernão Pires (from Torres Vedras), Vital & Malvasia.

All grapes are hand harvested, foot treading for 2 hours and skin contact for 48 to 72 hours, separate spontaneous fermentation with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel, gravity decanted into old neutral French barrels (4-8th year use) where it finishes alcoholic fermentation and malolactic and ages for 6 more months. Blended 1 month before bottling, unfiltered and 45mg total Sulphur added. Only 1,000 bottles produced.

Superavit is a Latin word that refers to a surplus, commonly used in the economy. After choosing the best barrels each year, the Superavit batch is made at the same time as their "Classic" and taking into account both styles.

Climate: 2020 was an odd year (understatement?).

Reasonable rainfall in the first half of the year and a spring with higher temperatures than usual. Everything predicted that it would be a year of great maturation. However, after the veraison, the days got colder and the weather more fickle. Regions like Dão were harvested earlier but Lisbon got delayed. This was a year of microclimates, since within the same region, two different plots had different levels of maturation. It took us more attention and accuracy to be able to harvest all the grapes at their best time.
