

Vinhos Aparte, Classico (2020)

Producer	Vinhos Aparte
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape varieties	Alvarinho, Encruzado, Arinto
Region	Lisboa, Portugal
Appellation	Lisboa
Features	Organic, Biodynamic
Vintage	2020
Alcohol by volume	13.0%

Sizes

750 mL x 12 — 12-002-02-20



Distributor's notes

A blend of Arinto, Encruzado, Fernão Pires, & Vital from organically grown plots in both Lisbon and Dão. Harvested by hand in 16kg boxes and brought to the winery. Foot treading for 2 hours and skin contact for 48 to 72 hours. Indigenous yeasts fermentation. Gravity decanted to oak barrels where it finishes alcoholic fermentation and malolactic. Continues to age for 6 months in neutral French oak barrel (4-8th year old.) Blended 1 month before bottling, unfiltered and 45mg total Sulphur added. Total production is 1,600 btl.

The best barrels are selected taking into account an aesthetic style: Spotless, crispy, fresh and focused. This wine is produced with the aim of not being labeled as natural wine in a blind tasting. Clean; fruity - green apple, lime zest ; white flowers. Medium body; fresh - medium acidity & balanced.

Climate: 2020 was an odd year (you can say that again)...

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 them more attention and accuracy to be able to harvest all the grapes at their best time.
