

# Terra d'Alter 2021 Alicante Bouschet

WineWise Code	PTD-ALB21
Country	Portugal
Region	Alentejo
Color/Style	Red
Destemming	complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Additional Fermentation Notes	2 weeks
Aging Vessel	Used Barrique 60%, Stainless Steel 40%
Aging Duration (months)	8 months
Filtered?	No
Yeast Protocol	Spontaneous
Malolactic Conversion	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 50ppm
Varieties	Alicante Bouschet
Residual Sugar	0.8
ABV	14.8
Acidity	5.6
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Production	2000
Primary Vineyard Name	Boavista
Soil Types	Calcareous, Gravel
Elevation (meters)	300
Vine Age	20
Yields (hl/ha)	50
Farming Practices	Sustainable
Harvest Method	Hand-harvested
Other Vineyard Details	Northwest

## WineWise Notes:

It is not every producer who is attracted to Alicante Bouschet, but Peter Bright never shrinks from an interesting engagement. The deep hue of this “cépage teinturier” is a given. But what took us completely by surprise was the relative finesse and purity of the fruit, as well as the innate balance of such a rollicking, high-octane wine. He takes it to new heights of interest and class in every vintage. We would probably garner more interest if we doubled the price, which would be justified by its quality. There is no bigger bargain in our portfolio. Sumptuous beyond belief, and bursting with gorgeous spicy fruit.

## WineWise Notes on Producer:

The Alentejo is the most southerly Portuguese region from which we buy wine, with the attendant risk of excessive heat. But that is not to reckon with the instincts and 35-year experience of Peter Bright, the celebrated Australian who is one of the founding partners of this young estate. One of the first of the “Flying Winemakers”, he has been settled in Portugal for many years now and arguably has more experience of the country’s varied vineyards than anyone else, allied to a top-notch technical know-how. He liked the soils of this corner and planted his flag here, with a view to making good value, modern wines from indigenous varieties. He has succeeded with a vengeance, so you can find in this range a brilliant collage of single varietal wines at very modest prices that offer you a fascinating view of some of Portugal’s most interesting varieties.

