

Antonio Madeira 2019 "A Palheira" Tinto

WineWise Code	PAM-APA17
Country	France
Region	Dão
Color	Red
Case Size	6x750
ABV	13.5
Acidity	6.21
Residual Sugar	0.4
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Production (this wine only)	160
Varieties	Field blend of 20 native grape varieties, where the main is Baga (around 50%)
Maceration_Notes	2 weeks in lagares (open vats typical of Portugal)
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Very gentle punchdown 2 mins in the morning and evening
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	4 weeks
Aging Method	Used Barrique
Aging Duration (Months)	18 months
Filtered?	No
Fining_Agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur?	Yes, 2g/L
Soil Type	Granite
Elevation (meters)	500
Vineyard_Aspect	West
Vine Age (years)	60 and 100
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	15
Farming Practices	Bio-dynamic
Vine Training Notes	Guyot
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

Notes from the Producer:

António Madeira, who is French of Portuguese descent, has his roots in the foothills of Serra da Estrela. Since 2010, António Madeira has been researching the places in this sub-region, that his ancestors elected as the best for winemaking, those that we might call the 'Grands Crus of the Dão highlands' and found a series of old vines that are distinctive because of the authenticity of their grape varieties, the characteristics and nuances of their granite soils and sun exposures.



Notes about the producer:

When Vasco Croft of Aphros recommended António to us, he described him as “a young brilliant producer who is making a unique job with reaching old vines and terroirs, using organic farming and biodynamics.” He further stated that he thought these the best wines in the Dão today, and certainly the most mineral.

The apotheosis of Serra d’Estrela old vines field-blend, albeit on a base of about 50% Baga, this has all the virtues of the Vinhas Velhas elevated to a degree of refinement and perfumed intensity that scream of class. Made from two plots – one planted to 60 year-old Baga, the other a centenarian field blend – this cuvée was exceptionally separated out in 2017 because of its transcendent quality. The svelte, contained and simmering palate is just a cauldron of expressively mineral-infused red fruit. About 1700 bottles were produced.