

HAJA CORTEZIA VINHAS VELHAS 'CRISTO' VINHO TINTO

2022

Country
Portugal

Region
Colares

Varietal
Castelão
Tinta Roriz
Alicante Bouschet

Winemaker
Luis Duarte &
Teresa Gamboa

Alcohol Content
12.5%

Total Sulfur
No data

pH
No data

Acidity
No data



HISTORY

Colares was demarcated in 1908, being the second oldest demarcated region in the Portugal. Haja Cortezia is located in an area of sand dunes, on the coast of the municipality of Sintra, between the mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, from Cabo da Roca to the villages of Assafora and Cortezia. The region of Colares became famous at the end of the 19th century, (more precisely in 1865) when its greatest threat, phylloxera, fell on world viticulture. As all the vines are planted to sand, the region was spared.

Husband and wife Luis and Teresa have been farming their *vinhas velhas* or "old vines" as preservationists of culture, varietal and environment; using only organic farming practices and low intervention methods.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Harvested by hand and pressed in juice basket, each varietal is respectively fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts before being transferred to neutral oak barrel for 9 months.



VINEYARD

Located 3 km from the sea in calcareous argyle soils with steep incline and sun exposure from Southwest. Planted in traditional castes, mostly Castelão and Tinta Roriz. vines that are *pé-franco* (meaning non-grafted and pre-phylloxera) planted in traditional castes rich in sand content, all south facing. No ploughing between rows to allow maximum pollinators and maintain a cool top soil in the summer heat.



TASTING NOTES

Vibrant aromas of red berries that persist on the palate met with lightly saline and mineral and mineral notes.



FOOD PAIRING

Cured meats, grilled tuna, pasta bolognese, pâtés, sausages, Queijo, Spanish manchego.