

ALTANO
DOC DOURO RED
2016



Altano Douro wines are produced by the Symington family with grapes sourced from the family's own vineyards in the Douro Valley where they have lived and worked since the 19th century.

THE WINE

This Altano DOC Douro red wine is made from a combination of several traditional Douro grape varieties sourced from the Symington family's Douro Valley vineyards, principally those located in the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior subregions.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

An unseasonably warm winter and unseasonably cool spring – both exceptionally wet – were followed by one of the hottest summers on record. At the end of August 40% more accumulated rainfall than the 30-year average was recorded in the Douro and these water reserves attenuated the effects of the very hot and dry summer. Timely rain came to the rescue during two days in late August, refreshing the vines straining from the heat and putting maturations back on track. Phenolic ripeness was reached with relatively low Baumés, proving excellent for balanced, elegant wines. Two days of opportune rainfall in mid-September were followed by dry, sunny weather for the remainder of the vintage and the grapes were picked in very fine condition.

WINEMAKING

The wine is fermented in stainless steel vats with pumping over and soft macerations at low temperatures (23-25°C) aiming to extract colour and aromas and limit tannin extraction in order to produce a wine that favours fresh, floral aromatics and ripe fruit flavours.

WINEMAKERS

Charles Symington and Pedro Correia, assisted by the Symington DOC Douro winemaking team.

PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETIES

The fruit comes from the family Quintas in the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior. Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca.

AGEING & PRODUCTION

Stainless steel vats and used 400 litre French and American oak barrels.
Bottled from April 2018.

STORAGE & SERVING

Ready for immediate consumption, although the wine has the potential to continue developing favourably in the bottle until 2020.

TASTING NOTE

Deep, crimson colour. This Altano red reveals scented floral aromas and focused, fresh fruit. Simultaneously full and silky on the palate, well defined red fruit flavours come to the fore, enveloped in soft, ripe tannins and spicy notes. Generous, well-structured and elegant.

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol: 13.6% vol.
Volatile acidity: 0.45 g/dm³ (acetic acid)
Total acidity: 4.9 g/dm³ (tartaric acid)
pH: 3.72
Total sugars (glu+fru): <0.6 g/dm³
Colour intensity: 0.8
Allergy advice: Contains sulphites