ALTANO



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.

ALTANO DOC DOURO RED 2021

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

Following a succession of very hot and dry years in the Douro, the 2021 growth cycle and harvest were some of the coolest in recent years. While large areas of Europe experienced extreme heat (with July being the hottest ever recorded in the continent), the Douro experienced an unusually cool summer with none of the heat waves that have become common in the region. Moderate conditions in 2021 encouraged slower, gradual maturations with balanced ripening, while the harvest itself was defined by three key periods of rain impacting our picking schedule. The remarkably cool nights contributed to excellent acidity and very good colour in the wines. The 2021 harvest was drawn out over six weeks, contrastingly sharply with that of 2020, which lasted less than a month.

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 40%; Tinta Roriz 30%; Tinta Barroca 30%.

AGEING & PRODUCTION

Stainless steel vats and used 400 litre French oak barrels. Bottled from March 2023.

STORAGE & SERVING

Ready for immediate consumption, although the wine has the potential to continue developing favourably in the bottle until 2025.

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Volatile acidity: 0.5 g/L (acetic acid)

Total acidity: 5.8 g/L (tartaric acid)

pH: 3.67

Total sugars (gluc+fruct): 0.9 g/L

Allergy advice: Contains sulphites

Compatible with vegetarian and vegan diets

PACKAGING SPECIFICATION

Bottle Weight: 420g

