

2018 ART TERRA CURTIMENTA



WINE DATA

<u>Producer</u>

Casa Relvas

Region Alentejano

Country Portugal

Wine Composition
50% Arinto
40% Antão Vaz
10% Viognier
Alcohol
12 %
Total Acidity
5.5 G/L
Residual Sugar
0.2 G/L
pH

3.45

DESCRIPTION

This wine is orange in color with fresh notes of tangerine, mint and cinnamon. It is medium-bodied with silky tannins and minerality on the palate.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The Art Terra emerged out of a continuous search for the truest expression of the terroir. 2018 was an unusual year in Alentejo. Winter was very dry and not too cold. Spring was mild and very rainy, with a very unusual pressure from mildew. Summer temperatures were lower than average, with the exception of the first week in August when temperatures exceeded 113° F (45° C). The soil is clay and schist. The grapes were hand-harvested a few days before total ripeness. They are partiall destemmed and then the three grape varieties are fermented in stainless steel "lagares" with mechanic punching down. Temperature-controlled between 64.4° F - 77° F (18° C - 25° C). Fermentation occurred through indigenous yeasts. Grapes were pressed after eight days of fermentation. The wine is then aged for six months in old 105 gallon French oak barrels.

SERVING HINTS

This wine pairs well with Iberian tapas, roasted meats, and dried fruits.