

# 2016 ESCOLHA DOS ENOLOGOS



WINE DATA <u>Producer</u> Casa Relvas

> <u>Region</u> Alentejano

Country Portugal

#### Wine Composition

40 % Alicante Bouschet 30% Touriga Franca 30% Touriga Nacional <u>Alcohol</u> 14 % <u>Total Acidity</u> 5.6 G/L <u>Residual Sugar</u> <2 G/L <u>pH</u> 3.58

## DESCRIPTION

This wine has a deep ruby hue with violet hints. It's complex aroma of ripe red fruits, wild flowers and spices are very wellintegrated with vanilla and toasted notes. The palate is well-balanced and round, with a rich taste of fruits and spices. It has good structure, with smooth tannins.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2016 harvest was characterized by drought in the Alentejo. The result of this vintage was full-bodied and flavorful whites and reds with great aromatic intensity and elegance. Hand harvested, with total destemming. Maceration before fermentation during 48 hours. Fermentation with controlled temperatures (71.6° F - 82.4° F / 22° C - 28° C) in open vats with automatic "pigeurs". Malolactic fermentation in oak barrels. The wine is moved to used French (second and third use) 105 gallon barrels for nine months of aging.

# SERVING HINTS

This wine pairs well with full-flavored and roasted red meats, game and pork.

#### **Quintessential Wines**