

# SUL RED 2022

Redondo - Alentejo, Portugal



**TASTING NOTES:** This wine is ruby in color, with violet hints. Intense aromas of red and black forest fruits, harmoniously combined with floral and toasted notes. The palate is very juicy and fruity, with nice acidity and smooth tannins.

**VINIFICATION:** The grapes are mechanically-harvested during the night, followed by total destemming. Maceration before fermentation over 48 hours. Fermentation in stainless-steel vats with oak staves. A portion of the wine is aged in French oak barrels.

**INTERESTING FACT:** As farmers, the Relvas family feels that they owe the environment a debt of gratitude. Twenty percent of the vineyards are certified organic, and with each passing year, Alexandre converts more vineyards. They use nearby wetlands to filter and reuse water and employ hundreds of Merino sheep to fertilize and “weed” the soil. Also, keen to reforest the area, they have planted over 100,000 native trees.

**FAMILY:** Alexandre Relvas Sr. purchased the 430-acre estate of Herdade of São Miguel in the Alentejo region. It is now run by his son, who bears the same name. The property is dedicated to honoring Portuguese wine heritage as 86 of those initially purchased acres are planted to Portuguese varieties like Touriga Nacional, Alicante Bouschet and Trincadeira, while 240 more acres are exclusively dedicated to cork oak trees.

The Alentejo region of Portugal encompasses a large geographic area, which includes the Algarve coastal region. It's known for its natural beauty and extreme climate which are beneficial to Herdade of São Miguel's grape growing. A mixture of clay and schist soils aid in the development of three-dimensional flavors. The winery can handle up to 550 tons of grapes, all hand harvested. The family believes in offering quality at affordable prices.

**PRODUCER:** Casa Relvas

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**REGION:** IG Alentejo

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.3 G/L

**GRAPE(S):** A blend of Aragonez, Alicante Bouschet, Trincadeira among others

**pH:** 3.60

**SKU:** HSRD227