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PORTUGAL



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Sul is a red wine produced by Herdade de São Miguel with grapes grown in magnesium sedimentary loam soils, ranging from sandy-loam to clay-loam in the Alentejo area of Southern Portugal. Portugal is the world's largest producer of cork, and Alentejo is called the land of cork. Portuguese cork forests rank among the top biodiversity hotspots in Europe. This wine is a tribute to the region and to the family's commitment in preserving the cork forests in these lands.

Clay amphora has been used for making wine for more than 3000 years, since Roman times. Because it is made of clay, it is porous, and the inside has to be coated with an impermeable surface. the ancestral technique, still in use today is to varnish the inside with pine resin, called Pez Louro, in which other natural ingredients such as herbs and bee wax may be mixed.



Antonio Relvas, Alexandre Relvas Sr., Alexandre Relvas Jr.





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Projected and built in 2003 in a minimalist style, this winery is located at the middle of the Herdade de São Miguel vineyards. All the grapes are hand-crafted to preserve the maximum expression of the terroir in the Alentejo region, a third of Portugal's area but having only one tenth of its population, it is best known by its extremely differentiated climate and unique, natural beauty. The winery employs sustainable practices and currently has roughly 20% of its vineyards certified organic and working to convert more of its vineyards to organic every year. The area is the largest growing area for cork trees producing 40% of the world's cork and the family has 240 acres of cork trees.

Freedom of spirit, vitality, versatility and responsibility are some adjectives that portray and characterize our teamwork; developing different types of wine throughout the years.

SCORE HIGHLIGHTS

- Herdade de São Miguel Escolha dos Enólogos
- 2020 92 Pts., Editor's Choice, Wine Enthusiast  
91 Pts. James Suckling
- 2019 93 Pts. Wine Enthusiast  
91 Pts. Wine & Spirits  
90 Pts. Wine Advocate

- Herdade de São Miguel Reserva
- 2020 94 Pts. Tasting Panel
- 2019 94 Pts. 'Cellar Selection' Wine Enthusiast

- Herdade de São Miguel Colheita Seleccionada Branco
- 2021 91 Pts. James Suckling



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