









Whispering Brook

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WHISPERING BROOK 2018 MOSAIC

 SUN EXPOSURE North South	 ALTITUDE 75m -100m	 SLOPE 5 degree North facing	 VINEYARD Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP)
 AGE OF VINES 10-22 years	 SOIL red volcanic clay loam*	 CLIMATE Mediterranean	 GRAPE VARIETY Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cao, Tinta Roriz, Sousao and small addition of Shiraz.

* Red volcanic clay is the weathered product of ancient volcanic eruptions and brings valuable trace elements to the vineyard including basalt and iron.

WINE CONCEPT

Inspired by the Portuguese tradition of blending several grape varietals, we have produced our first multi-blended red wine. Our winemaking objective is to make a wine that is enhanced by co-fermenting several complementary varietals. The wine is complex and well-balanced with distinctive characters and flavours.

AGRICULTURE

The 2018 vintage is heralded as a great vintage with very dry weather, some hot weeks and finally cool weeks in the lead up to the red harvest. The three Portuguese varietals that we have planted in our Portuguese test block are Tinta Cao, Tinta Roriz and Sousao. Half of the secret wine batch was made from a combination of Touriga Nacional, Sousao, Tinta Cao and Tinta Roriz picked on the 16th February 2018 and the other half from an earlier batch of already fermenting wine (picked on the 12th February) which had originally been destined for Port (comprising Touriga Nacional and Sousao).

VINIFICATION / MATURATION

Hand-picked grapes, destemmed, crushed in two batches. A decision was made to blend these two batches together to form the basis of our new secret wine which we have named Mosaic. Fermentation commenced with 'wild yeast' with fermentation temperatures ranging from 24°C-28°C. Pressed in a basket press to complete malolactic and primary ferment in barrel. Aged in French oak for 17 months prior to bottling and further bottle aging for 14 months before release.

THE WINE

Complex wine with red and black fruits grounded with an earthiness. Medium bodied with good length, line and flavour that lingers on the palate. Drink now or age for several years and enjoy secondary bottle aged characters. Alc 14.6%, total acidity 6.1 g/l, pH 3.50

WINE MAKERS

Susan Frazier and Adam Bell



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