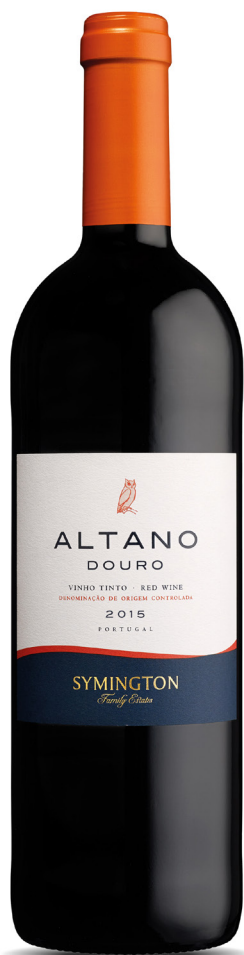


ALTANO
DOC DOURO RED WINE
2015



Altano Douro wines are produced by the Symington family with grapes sourced from the family's own vineyards in the Douro Valley where they have lived and worked since the 19th century.

THE WINE

This Altano DOC Douro red wine is made from a combination of several traditional Douro grape varieties sourced from the Symington family's Douro Valley vineyards, principally those located in the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior subregions.

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Abundant rainfall at the start of the viticultural year contributed to the replenishment of soil water reserves. This was crucial due to the very dry winter, spring and summer that followed. However, what little rain there was came at the right time, in May, and helped to sustain the vines during the very hot and dry months of June and July. August days and nights were relatively cool, encouraging balanced maturations and proving decisive in preserving the natural acidity in the berries. As the vintage began the crop was in very fine condition and some timely mid-September rain benefited the final phase of maturation. One of the most reliable barometers of a very good year – the fine condition of the Touriga Franca, was in evidence.

WINEMAKING

The wine is fermented in stainless steel vats with pumping over and soft macerations at low temperatures (23-25°C) aiming to extract colour and aromas and limit tannin extraction in order to produce a wine that favours fresh, floral aromatics and ripe fruit flavours.

WINEMAKERS

Charles Symington and Pedro Correia, assisted by the Symington DOC Douro winemaking team.

PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETIES

The fruit comes from the family Quintas in the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior. Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca.

AGEING & PRODUCTION

Stainless steel vats and used 400 litre French and American oak barrels.
Bottled from December 2016.

STORAGE & SERVING

Ready for immediate consumption, although the wine has the potential to continue developing favourably in the bottle until 2019.

TASTING NOTE

Deep, crimson colour. This Altano red reveals scented floral aromas and focused, fresh fruit, reflecting the very good year in which Touriga Franca shone. Simultaneously full and silky on the palate, well defined red fruit flavours come to the fore, enveloped in soft, ripe tannins and spicy notes. Generous, well-structured and elegant.

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol: 13.5% vol.
Volatile acidity: 0.4 g/L (acetic acid)
Total acidity: 4.8 g/L (tartaric acid)
pH: 3.74
Total sugars (glu+fru): 0.6 g/l
Allergy advice: Contains sulphites