



ALTANO DOURO



Altano Organico 2014 Douro



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From £5.95, £8.75, CASB

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It's an ill wind that blows no one any good. When the Symington family took a deep breath and acquired the port house of Cockburn in 2006, the purchase included considerable plantings in the Douro Superior, land that had been bought to secure stocks of wine for the best-selling Cockburn Special Reserve. This estate in the Vilaça Valley (shown here) is known as Quinta do Aviz. When they got to know the land, way upriver from the most famous central section of the valley most closely associated with port production, they realised it was likely to be particularly grape varieties therein but no sweetness at all. It is admirably appetising and beautifully balanced with notes of liquorice, brambles and tar. Quite a package considering the price.



ORGANIC DOC DOURO RED 2014
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