Vinhos Aparte, Ambar (2020)

Producer Vinhos Aparte

Distributor Zev Rovine Selections Category Wine - Still - White

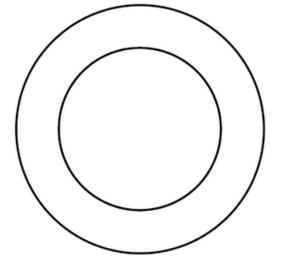
Grape variety Moscatel

Region Lisboa, Portugal Feature Orange wine

Vintage 2020

Sizes

750 mL × 12 - 12-002-01-20



Distributor's notes

Based in Lisbon, this is one of the exciting limited projects that Vinhos Aparte has up their sleeves. From 2 vineyard sites grown organically on sand at 100m of elevation. A blend of 65% Moscatel Setúbal (aka Moscatel of Alexandria) and 10% Moscatel Roxo (from Palmela) & 25% Arinto (from Alenquer).

Moscatel Roxo handpicked in Setubal and brought to Horácio Simões winery (close distance). Mechanical crushing and destemming of grapes and transferred to an open lagar. Indigenous yeasts fermentation with skin contact for approximately 7 days. Blended with Arinto. Gentle pressing into old French oak barrels (4-8th year use) where it completes malolactic for about 6 months. Racking before bottling, unfiltered and 60mg total sulphur added. Only 2,100 bottles produced. A delicious and irresistibly aromatic orange wine with medium body, smooth texture and soft tannins. A joy to sip on!

Climate: In 2020, they had reasonable rainfall in the first half of the year and a spring with higher than normal temperatures. After the harvest, the days became colder by the ocean but in the Setubal, due to the protection of Arrabida mountain this plot continued to benefit from a continental climate. Grapes were harvested on the last week of August and refreshed with Arinto from Torres Vedras.