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### 2018 RESERVA Luis Duarte Red

Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Nacional, Cabernet Sauvignon - 0.75L



#### SHORT DESCRIPTION

*Deep, concentrated plummy-red tones; Complex aromas. Mature well integrated fruit, with hints of toast, spices and tobacco aromas from wood ageing; Full-flavoured, good concentration and soft tannins; Firm yet soft tannin structure, permitting further complexity and improvement in the bottle.*

#### Climate:

Continental-mediterranean', characterized by a low-rainfall, semi-arid growing season and high daytime temperatures. Good summer and pre-harvest thermal amplitude.

#### Soil:

Magnesian sedimentary loam soils, ranging from sandy-loam to clay-loam with marked horizons.

#### Vinification:

Grape Varieties: Aragonez; Touriga Nacional; Trincadeira. Grapes are hand-selected on a purpose-built selection table; The fruit is instantly cooled to 10°C on arrival at the winery; Musts are 'cold-soaked' for up to 2 days prior to fermentation; Inoculation with selected yeasts; Prolonged fermentation and maceration in 'lagares' (traditional open fermenters); Aged for 16 months in new French oak barriques; The best barrels were selected for to create this Reserve blend.

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With 25 years of experience, Luís Duarte has been recognized as one of Portugal's most recognized vigneron. Luís is the only Portuguese winemaker to have been awarded Winemaker of the Year 3 times in both 1997 and 2007. Luís aims to develop wine blends tailored to the preferences of the international wine lover, leveraging indigenous grape varieties, ancient winemaking processes, while utilizing state of the art technology. Introduced to the US market only in 2010, they have become an instant success with both brands landing in the top 100 wines of the year in the Wine Enthusiast magazine.



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