

SILK & SPICE

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TYPE: Still **COLOR:** Red **TONE:** Ruby

DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN: Wine with indication of harvest year

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Portugal

THE WINE

With its quite literal 'silky and spicy' profile, Silk & Spice gives new meaning to the 16th century trade route between Europe and Asia. The "Silk & Spice Route" was pioneered by Portuguese explorers in 1498, and enabled the world to enjoy flavors like nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and pepper. Some of these spices and aromas come alive in this red blend, whose exceptional flavors and deep, rich layers can be attributed to indigenous grapes and Portugal's unique terroir.

TASTING NOTES

A red-ruby colored red wine blend characterized by intense aromas of ripe red fruit combined with hints of vanilla, mocha and spices. A full-bodied wine with a balanced taste, very soft tannins and a long and persistent finish.

WINEMAKER: Miguel Pessanha

VARIETIES: 40% Touriga Nacional, 20% Baga, 20% Syrah, 20% Alicante Bouchet

WINEMAKING

The grapes selected for Silk & Spice come from the regions of Dão, Bairrada, and Lisboa, and are vinified separately. After total destemming and gentle crushing the grapes were fermented at a controlled temperature of about 22-25°C with short maceration in order to obtain a very fruity wine with very soft tannins.

MATURATION

Alcoholic fermentation was followed by malolactic fermentation and aging for about 6 months in American oak. The final blend was based on selections made during innumerable tastings and analyses carried out during this maturation period. The wine was only lightly filtered prior to bottling followed by a stage of bottle rest at a controlled temperature of 15°C for about 3 months, to achieve the bouquet and the ideal balance for consumption.

TECHNICAL DETAILS: Alcohol: 13% | Total Acidity: 5,3 g/l (tartaric) | Sugar: 14,5 g/l

RESPONSIBLE DRINKING AND QUALITY

Sogrape Vinhos is a signatory to the European initiative "Wine in Moderation", and is certified to the highest world standards for quality and food safety.

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