

Herdade Penedo Gordo 2015



Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:
91 points – Ultimate Wine Challenge

Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:
2014 is our first vintage

Quinta das Arcas – The producer is actually A. M. Esteves Monteiro, which is the second name for Quinta das Arcas. This is a small family owned and operated estate. All of their grapes are estate grown between their 4 estates in the Vinho Verde and Alentejo regions. Unlike their vineyards in the Vinho Verde region which has a very wet climate, Alentejo is a much drier climate. The Monteiro family also produces other agricultural products including cheeses and meats in their Vinho Verde estate.

Herdade Penedo Gordo – Penedo Gordo was the name of the property during ancient times according to the very old registration documents of the estate. Penedo Gordo literally means “Fat Rock”, but the actual meaning is more like “big round granite rocks” that are found in the region. However, the vineyards consist of clay and schist with no granite. Herdade is a quinta or an estate in Alentejo.

Tasting notes – Ruby red color with aromatic notes of red fruits. Round and supple, yet lively. Fruity flavor and a soft finish.

Imported since: 2014

Appellation: Alentejo

Composition: Aragonez (or Tempranillo) and Trincadeira (one of the 30 varietals used for port), Alicante Bouschet, and Touriga Nacional

Soil: mixed with a very high concentration of clay and schist

Elevation: 1000 to 1200 feet

Vineyard practice: sustainable farming

Vine Age: 16 years

Yield: 3.17 tons per acre

Harvest Dates: middle of September to middle of October

Fermentation: cold maceration and fermented in small stainless steel tanks

Aging: 4 months in French and Portuguese oak casks

pH: 3.65

Residual Sugar: 2.1 grams per liter

Alcohol: 14.2 %

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Region:

Alentejo is a vast region in southeastern Portugal that encompasses nearly a third of the land area of Portugal. Alentejo had been known for wheat and cork farms until the E.U. invested in the region, which led to improvements in irrigation, viticulture, and winemaking.