

Quinta da Fonte Souto, Syrah

Alto Alentejo, Portugal

Product code	QF14ZZRC
Grapes	Cabernet Sauvignon, Trincadeira, Alicante Bouschet
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	14.5
Case Size	3
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Quinta da Fonte Souto
Vintage	2021



Vegan



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The Symington's family's first property outside the Douro region. Quinta da Fonte Souto is in the Portalegre subregion of the Alto Alentejo in southern Portugal. Close to the São Mamede range (1,025 metres), the property benefits from the area's altitude with its cooler microclimate in sharp contrast to the Alentejo region's typically hot and dry conditions. Yields are low due to the schist and granite soils, which are less fertile than those found in the flat and rolling terrain which characterizes the majority of the Alentejo. There are 207 hectares on the property, of which 43 are planted with vines. The principal grape varieties are Aragonês, Alfrocheiro, Trincadeira, Alicante Bouschet, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon. The property has a substantial chestnut grove, from which its name is derived — 'souto' refers to a wooded area planted with chestnut trees.

Tasting Notes

Deep garnet colour of a still young wine. Forest floor, aromatic herbs, clove and cardamom. Blackcurrant and liquorice notes. Voluminous and concentrated with suggestions of black tea, dark chocolate and damson plum. Peppery tannins impart firm structure. Undoubted aging potential.

Winemaking

The hand-picked grapes are placed in small, shallow boxes and taken to the on-site winery. Manual sorting is followed by destemming and gentle crushing after which grapes are transferred to the fermentation vats. Fermentations are individually monitored, and the temperature and macerations are adjusted to maximise the potential of each fermenting batch. A period of post fermentation maceration follows to encourage the extraction of some tannin from the pips to complement those extracted from the grape skins. This adds structure and longevity to the wines.