

# JOSÉ DE SOUSA®

The José de Sousa Rosado Fernandes Cellar was founded in 1878 and was purchased by José Maria da Fonseca in 1986, fulfilling an old dream of producing wine in Alentejo, in a estate full of prestige and history. The estate is located in Reguengos de Monsaraz, and it is here that a 2.000 year old Roman tradition is kept alive. The José de Sousa Cellar owns 114 ceramic amphorae in which an ancient fermentation method takes place. At the José de Sousa winery, the winemaking technique with talhas is still being used in a very similar way as it was 2.000 years ago.

## Vintage Information

**TYPE OF WINE:** Red

**VINTAGE:** 2018

**GRAPES:** Grand Noir (52%) | Trincadeira (33%) | Aragonês (15%)

**TYPE OF SOIL:** Granitic

**WINEMAKER:** Domingos Soares Franco

**VINIFICATION:** Fermentation at 26°C

**AGEING:** 8 months in french oak

**DATE OF BOTTLING:** December 2020

**WINE PRODUCTION:** 106 000 liters

**AVAILABLE BOTTLES:** 750 ml

**STORAGE:** Store at a temperature of 12°C and humidity of 60%

**SHELF LIFE:** 10 years after bottling

**ANALYSES:** 13,5% Alcohol | 5.6 g/l Total Acidity | 3.28 pH

## Tasting Notes

**COLOR:** Deep red

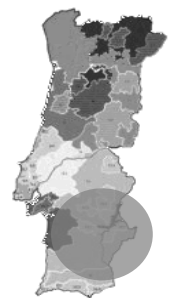
**AROMA:** Rock rose, maritime pine, pepper, tobacco leaf and smoked

**PALATE:** Round soft tannins, smoked black pepper

**FINISH:** Long

## Reviews

- **2018 Vintage:** 92 pts & #58 TOP 100 Wine List 2021 (Wine Enthusiast)
- **2017 Vintage:** 92 pts, #56 TOP 100 & Editor's Choice (Wine Enthusiast)
- **2016 Vintage:** 93 pts (Wine Enthusiast)
- **2015 Vintage:** 94 pts (Wine Enthusiast)
- **2014 Vintage:** 93 pts (Wine Enthusiast)
- **2011 Vintage:** 93 pts (Wine Enthusiast)



## CLASSIFICATION

Regional

REGION:

Alentejo