

JOSÉ DE SOUSA[®] MAYOR

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. José de Sousa Mayor is produced from the grape varieties Grand Noir, Trincadeira and Aragonês.

Vintage Information

TYPE OF WINE: Red

VINTAGE: 2017

GRAPES: Grand Noir (60%) | Trincadeira (20%) | Aragonês (20%)

TYPE OF SOIL: Granitic

WINEMAKER: Domingos Soares Franco

VINIFICATION: The grapes are hand harvested, slightly foot crushed and destemmed by hand with the “ripanço table”. The fermentation in talhas is done with part of the must, skins and 30% stems at a temperature of about 28°C, controlled by spraying water four times a day on the talhas. The other part is fermented in lagares.

AGEING: The wine was transferred directly into new French oak casks for 9 months. It was bottled without any filtration or stabilisation.

DATE OF BOTTLING: October 2019

WINE PRODUCTION: 9.040 liters

AVAILABLE BOTTLES: 750 ml

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

SHELF LIFE: More than 10 years after bottling

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Should be served at a temperature of 14/16°C, after having been decanted, with game and cheese. This wine may throw sediment with age.

ANALYSES: 14% Alcohol | 5.6 g/l Total Acidity | 3.6 pH

Tasting Notes

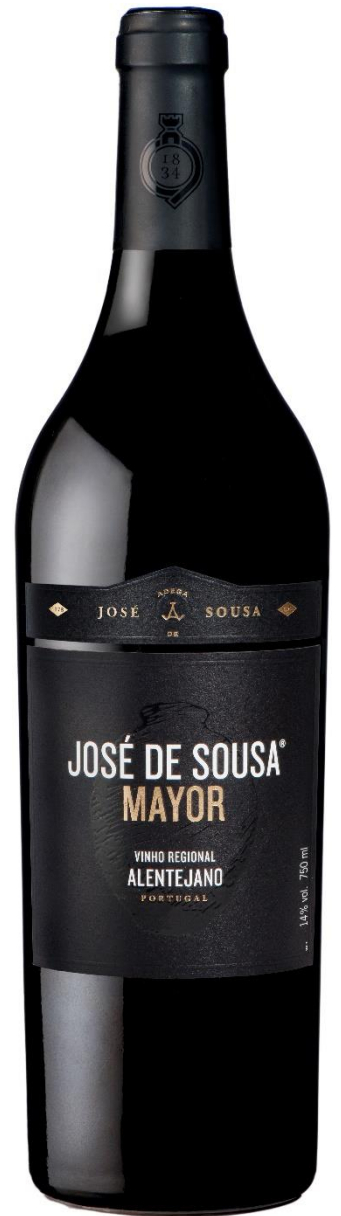
COLOR: Ruby

AROMA: Bitter cocoa, dates, and dried figs

PALATE: Dark chocolate, austere, intense tannins, a characteristic that is closely linked to fermentation in clay amphoras.

Reviews

- 2016 Vintage: 91 pts (Robert Parker – The Wine Advocate)
- 2015 Vintage: 94 pts (Wine Enthusiast Magazine)
- 2014 Vintage: “Best of the Region” (Revista Vinhos Magazine)
- 2012 Vintage: “Best Red Wine of The Year” (Vinhos de Portugal 2016)



CLASSIFICATION

Regional

REGION:

Alentejo