



CASA DE DAREI Darei Vinho Tinto



REGION/ ORIGIN	Dão D.O.C.	WINEMAKER	Pedro Pereira
VINTAGE	2013	WINERY ESTABLISHED	1997
VARIETALS	35% Touriga Nacional, 25% Tinta Roriz, 15% Alfrocheiro, 25% Jaen	VINEYARD(S)	Certified organic estate
ALCOHOL	12.9%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	17 years old
FERMENTATION	Cement & stainless steel Indigenous yeasts	SOIL TYPE	Granite and sand
AGING	15 months	ELEVATION	400m
AGING VESSEL	5000L cement vats	FARMING METHODS	Organic
FILTER/FINING	None	HARVEST	Late September
TOTAL SULFUR RS	44 mg/L 1.3 g/L	PRODUCTION	25,000 bottles

*'Wines that do not follow fashions...
but purely express the Dão terroir that our family wants to keep authentic and true'*

Casa de Darei is a third generation estate of the Ruivo family, and is a gorgeous 150-hectare property nestled in the Dão Valley in the central portion of Portugal, in the municipality of Mangualde. The vast majority of the area is a dedicated natural reserve, with beautiful forests that line the Dão River, verdant farmland for cattle, apple orchards, and 6.8 hectares of organic certified grape vines. Darei is the name of the 40-inhabitant town that the winery sits in, where the total production for the estate is 45,000 bottles annually, focused on the local and indigenous white and red varieties. With a sincere focus on traditionally made wines using old cement lagares and beautiful old presses, the wines are clean, focused, and speak to the terroir of the area. Guanito (bat guano) is all the fertilizer they need on their serradela, white clover, and strawberry clover covered ground, to encourage the healthy growth of their native white and red varieties. Striving to only show the natural terroir of their small region, Casa de Darei is all about the tradition of the area, and not the fashion of the wine world.

Lagars are open granite troughs

The *2013 Darei Tinto* is a traditional blend of four of the local grape varieties of the Dão region, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), Alfrocheiro, and Jaen (Mencia). With a high elevation and the river's humidity, the climate is perfect for creating fresh and lively wines with remarkable acidity. These grapes come from neighboring land of the estate that the Darei family manages and tends to. The organic grapes are hand picked and sorted, then de-stemmed to begin a natural fermentation in both stainless steel and cement tanks. A gentle press is used to pull the skins away from the wine, and malolactic fermentation takes place in large, 5000-liter cement vats, where it also rests for 15 months before resting in bottle for a year. The resulting wine is complex and earthy yet lifted and fresh with bright fruit and acid. Full in the mouth with soft tannins, yet restrained with elegance and purity of the fruit, wonderful amaro tones, and rustic land; this red is as age-worthy as it is drinkable while young.