



TEXTURA WINES

# PRETEXTO Red 2019

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Pretexto is a portuguese red wine produced with our own grapes from different vineyards in Dão's region. In 2019, these grapes came 50% from Penalva do Castelo (Jaen, Alfrocheiro and Tinta Roriz) from vines at 550-620 meters above sea level in granite and clay soils, and 50% from Vila Nova de Tazem (Jaen and Touriga Nacional) from vines on 100% granite soils and at 480-550 meters of altitude. All these vineyard plots are currently being converted for organic certification.

The harvest in Penalva do Castelo took place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September. 2019 had a warm winter but a dry and cool spring that made working in the vineyard easier. With a summer of cool nights and warm/normal days, the maturation was slow and resulted in very expressive grapes in acidity.

Pretexto red 2019 was fermented in stainless steel tanks with 30% of whole bunch, followed by 30-day cuvaison. The varieties Jaen, Alfrocheiro and Tinta Roriz were co-fermented, as well as Jaen and Touriga Nacional. The final blend was aged in French oak vats (5000 L) and barrels for 11 months. Naturally stabilized.

### Tasting Notes

Light color of bright red. Very expressive in red fruits, with the evidence of cherry. The mouth goes with the fruit along with good acidity and a fresh and vegetable character. Tannins are present but smooth and it has a long finish. Is an elegant wine with the typical freshness of Dão.

### Other Notes

Vineyards yield 6 ton/hectare

Bottling March 2021

Production Bottles 21.165 (0,75 L)

Service temperature 16°C



Technical data Alcohol 12,5 % vol. | Total acidity: 5,61 g/L | Volatile acidity: 0,74 g/L |

pH: 3.58 | Residual sugars: 0,8 g/L

Winemakers Luis Seabra and Mariana Salvador



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 JancisRobinson.com	Mid, translucent purplish crimson, lots of blue in the colour. Zesty, lively red fruits with a sense of freshness because it smells of tart fruits like cranberry, raspberry and little wild hedgerow berries. Peppery and super-fresh on the palate. The complete opposite of a heavy rich red. The tannins are fine and increase the freshness. Juicy and relatively light on the palate but persistent in its freshness and vitality and all in harmony. You could drink this on its own but it has enough structure and freshness for the table, perhaps meaty fish as well as white meats. (JH)	<b>16</b> /20
	All four of the Dão region's main grapes, in equal proportions, are in this structured, restrained wine. With juicy red fruits, underlined by minerality and a firm texture, the wine should age further. Drink from late 2022. Best buy Wine Enthusiast 2021.	<b>90</b> /100