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Dão Alvaro Castro 2023

Alvaro Castro perfectly embodies the essence of The Portugal Collection. At the end of 2018, Alvaro Castro harvested his 30th vintage as an independent winemaker. We have been following him since 2003 and consider him to be one of Portugal's key winemakers, a player in the qualitative renaissance of Portuguese wines, if only because he has, almost single-handedly, put the Dão region back on the map. He has been assisted by his daughter Maria for several years. Their elegant wines make the region shine like in the good old days. His vineyards are located in the Dao region, on a granite terroir on a mountain plateau at an altitude of 450m. Alvaro's more accessible vintages are marketed under the label of Quinta de Saes, while it bottles distinguished wines for laying down under the name Quinta da Pellada. The nose develops intense and fine aromas of ripe red fruits, spices (pepper), toast, with at the same time very elegant floral notes. On the palate we find pleasant and fruity notes (black cherry and wild strawberry), chocolate, as well as vegetal notes of laurel and eucalyptus. The palate is smooth, intense and mineral with a silky delicacy on ripe, long and attractive tannins.

Producer	Quinta de Saes - da Pellada
Region	Dão
Volume	75.0 cl.
Grape Variety	Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro Preto
Drinking window	2025-2030
Alc.	13.0%
Vinificatie	Spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel vats and partial destemming at controlled temperature, long maceration to remove bitter substances.
Rijping	Aged for 12 months in 225 and 400 litre used French oak barrels.

11.40 €