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Dão Alvaro Castro 2018

Region :	Dão
Producer :	Alvaro Castro
Bottles Size :	75cl
Grape variety :	Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro Preto
Drinking window :	2021-2026
Alc. :	13,00%
Vinification :	Spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel vats and partial destemming at controlled temperature, long maceration to remove bitter substances.
Ripening :	Aged for 12 months in 225 and 400 litre used French oak barrels.

Alvaro Castro perfectly embodies the essence of The Portugal Collection. At the end of 2018, Alvaro Castro will be harvesting his 30th vintage as an independent winegrower. 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 Pelleda.

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.

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