



## Quinta de Saes Estagio Prolongado 2017

Alvaro Castro perfectly embodies the essence of The Portugal Collection. At the end of 2018, Alvaro Castro will carry out its 30th harvest 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 rebirth of Portuguese wines, if only for having, 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. Saes is Alvaro Castro's base wine, but he immediately raises the standard for his premium vintages. This Dão offers a demonstration of personality quite rare in its price range. The Estagio Prolongado is the fantastic middle class of Alvaro Castro's assortment. The backbone of this wine is made up of 50-year-old plots of land, planted according to the traditional method of "co-planting".

Producer	Quinta de Saes - da Pellada
Region	Dão
Volume	75.0 cl.
Grape Variety	Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro Preto, Jaen, Tinta Roriz
Drinking window	2023-2028
Alc.	13.0%
Vinificatie	After destemming, the grapes undergo a long maceration in open stainless steel vats. Fermentation also takes place in stainless steel vats. Towards the end of fermentation, the wine is transferred to wooden barrels.
Rijping	Depending on the year, the wine is aged between 12 and 18 months in used barrels.



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