

Rio Real Reserva



Vintage: 2008

Region: Vinho Regional Lisboa

Country: Portugal

Grape variety:

40% Syrah

35% Touriga Nacional

25% Tinta Roriz

Alcohol Content: 13.5 % By Vol.

Bottle closure: Natural Cork

Details: Red Portuguese table wines are known for the sum of their final blends being better than each part as a whole. In the Rio Real Reserva we have a 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 (Not three). One part mature vine Syrah is presented as the concentrated base of this wine to which we added both Tinta Roriz and Touriga Nacional to bring forth additional structure and complexity.

Regional Characteristics: The wine region of Lisboa, formerly known as Estremadura, is located mainly to the East and North of the grand city of Lisboa with a small section of the VR located just to the South of city. A region deeply rooted in history, this area straddles the Atlantic Ocean allowing cool ocean breezes to slowly ripen the rich, red fruit.

Aging: 4 Months in French Oak Barriques

Tasting Notes: Bright cherry fruit with hints of blackberry jam, spicy white pepper and a touch of cinnamon combine in a luscious medium bodied wine. The soft tannins extend out a long finish and make this wine pair well with a variety of foods; think Spaghetti Bolognese, Hard Cheeses & Prosciutto or Serrano Ham.

Awards / Accolades:

Gold Medal – 2010 Indy Int. Wine Cha.

Gold Medal – 2011 Dallas Wine Compt.

Silver Medal – 2010 San Francisco Int.

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