

CONTA-ME PORTUGUESE TALES RED | 2021



THE PROJECT

Conta-Me Portuguese Tales is a collection of wines that will give us an opportunity to work with the producers, regions, styles, and terroirs that continue to excite us in Portugal...and to create something that makes us think (and taste) of the Portugal of Luis's parents and grandparents. Theirs was a generation that wasn't fussy about the fruit of the vine, before the "advent" of the winemaker, and who enjoyed every drop as part of their daily gastronomic ritual.

CONTA-ME RED

For the 2021 vintage of Conta-Me Red we went to Alcobaca - a region within the greater Lisbon DOC, where the Cistercian monks had settled 500 years ago. The region is known for their bounty in vineyards and for the Alcobacan chintz (check out the floral applique on the label as an ode to this art). We love the wines from this region as they are so perfectly fresh and often with lower alcohol. Here we worked with the typical grapes from the region (Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz & Castelão) to create a wine that screams Lisbon and that pairs perfectly with every dish at the table.

WINEMAKING

Our first red from this collection was made in partnership with Rodrigo Martins from Espera.

Full destemming, 6 days on skin during temperature-controlled spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel vats. Kept in stainless steel until bottling. Minimal sulfur used at bottling.

Bottling: January 2023

Vintage: 2021 // **Region:** Alcobaca (Lisbon) // **Alc:** 12.5% // **Grapes:** Castelão, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz

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