

S. LOURENÇO DO BAIRRO, ANADIA, PORTUGAL

# PRINCIPAL GRANDE RESERVA RED 2012

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### DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

The property's 61 hectares are spread over the rich clay-limestone soils that dominate the gentle hills of this property. The entire vineyard is dry farmed. It is here that 4 of the world's most reputed red grape varieties (Touriga Nacional, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot) are planted. These wines are vinified using gravity flow winemaking to produce our most emblematic red wine, which will stand shoulder to shoulder with all of the fine red wines in the world. Atlantic influenced climate, protected by the Caramulo and Bussaco Hills. Vineyards planted at high density (5555 plants per hectare) on gentle hills of clay-limestone soils. Completely dry farmed.

All grapes are harvested manually and then placed onto a selection tray where only the best bunches will enter the winery. Destemming and crushing follow, where the grapes are then transferred to temperature-controlled stainless steel vats and alcoholic and malolactic fermentation takes place. Maceration lasts for approximately 20 days, using the delestage technique. The wine is then aged for 24 to 30 months in 225 litre French oak barrels (new and used). The final blend ages for another 6 years in the bottle before being released to the market.

### TASTING NOTES

With its violet tones, this wine presents aromas of ripe black fruit, wrapped in light spicy notes, which lends it complexity and many layers of depth. It is a full bodied, voluminous wine with elegant and smooth tannins.

### HOW TO SERVE

Serve between 16 and 18 C° In a cool dry place (12 a 14 C°) away from direct sunlight and without big fluctuations in temperature. It is ready to drink now, but it will positively evolve for up to 20 years after the harvest.

### VINTAGE

2012

### STYLE

Red

### BLEND OF GRAPES

Touriga Nacional (50%),  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
(40%), Merlot (5%), Petit  
Verdot (5%)

### ALCOHOL

13.9%

### DOSAGE

1.2 g/l

