



Rocha Rosa 2009

Classification: Regional wine

Region: Alentejo, Portugal

Type: Red

Grape Varieties: 30% Syrah, 28% Touriga Nacional, 22% Alicante Bouschet, 20% Aragonez.

Soil type: Predominantly schistous with granitic patches

Age of vineyard: 9 years

Production: 6,836 bottles

Analysis:

Alcohol: 14.3% (labelled as 14.5%)

Total acidity: 4.8 g/dm³

Volatile acidity: 0.54 g/dm³

Total sugars: 2.7 g/dm³

pH: 3.67

Free sulphur: 22 mg/dm³

Vinification: 100% hand-harvested in September and hand-sorted again in the winery; fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

Ageing: 12 months in oak

Bottling: August 2011

Tasting Note: Strong fragrant nose. Powerful but supple palate, intensely rich and luscious with peppery spice and damson fruit, and refined tannins. Good balance and well made all in harmony. Scented long length.

Awards: Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge 2012
Bronze Medal – International Wine & Spirit Competition 2012

Background Information: Herdade Tapada do Falcão is a small estate of 55 Hectares (130 acres) situated within the Portalegre DOC wine region on the slopes of the Serra de São Mamede in the Alto Alentejo. At 450 metres above sea level the climate is slightly cooler than the plains and the vines benefit from cooling breezes at night. The estate comprises woodland and pastureland abounding with cork oaks, holm oaks, eucalyptus, olives and umbrella pines. The vineyard of 6.2 hectares (15 acres) was planted in early 2000 with five different red grape varieties and gained DOC status in 2011.

Winemaker, Luis Bourbon, produced the wine at his winery in Evoramonte. Luis is also the maker of **Canto Decimo**, **Canto Quinto** and **Zefyro** wines which together have won six awards and commendations at the Decanter Wine Awards in London.

For more details please contact Nigel Atkinson at nigel@falconwine.com or +44 (0)7785 310169 www.falconwine.com