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TYTO ALBA CASTELHÃO ESTAGIADO EM BARRO DOC TEJO 2018

Date tasted: 25 August 2020
Reviewer: Julia Harding
Score: 16
Drink: 2020-2023

Just 2,770 bottles produced. Partially destemmed but not crushed. Spontaneous ferment without temperature control in 140-litre terracotta amphorae. TA 5.33, pH 3.56. Mid cherry red with smudgy rim. Much more delicately fragrant than the other Tyto Alba wines just tasted. More red-fruited and lightly herbal. Tannins are also more delicate with greater finesse. Overall there is a lighter touch here and it works well. Juicy and fresh. Tannins are dry but finely textured. (JH) in www.jancisrobinson.com, October 2020

TYTO ALBA RED DOC TEJO 2016

Date tasted: 25 August 2020
Reviewer: Julia Harding
Score: 16
Drink: 2020-2025

Touriga Nacional, Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Franca. Spontaneous fermentation in lagares. 12 months in French and American oak. TA 4.8 g/L, pH 3.85. Deep gamet with smudgy rim. The aroma is sweet and spicy - from both the fruit and the oak, I think. There's less obvious eucalyptus character compared with the Touriga 2016 and the Merlot 2018 but it is still there. Much smoother tannins compared with those in the Touriga and better balanced between the tannins and the fruit. Just fresh enough. A full-flavoured red that still needs food at this stage. (JH) in www.jancisrobinson.com, October 2020



TYTO ALBA WHITE DOC TEJO 2019

Date tasted: 25 August 2020
Reviewer: Julia Harding
Score: 16
Drink: 2020-2021

Fernão Pires and Arinto. Spontaneous fermentation in barrel and three months on lees, stirred. TA 5.6 g/L, pH 3.4. Stone fruit with the creamy aroma that comes from the lees work and barrel ferment but it is not heavily oaked. Invitingly fragrant, the oak in harmony with the fruit. Fresh and lively on the palate with excellent freshness and a long grapefruit-like aftertaste (fruit and pit). Crispness balanced by the texture. Mouth watering and decent length. (JH) in www.jancisrobinson.com, October 2020

TYTO ALBA MOSCATEL GALEGO WHITE DOC TEJO 2019

Date tasted: 25 August 2020
Reviewer: Julia Harding
Score: 16.5
Drink: 2020-2021

This is a variety known in France as Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains. Spontaneous ferment, aged 6 months on the lees in tank. TA 8g/L, pH 3.23. Highly and attractively aromatic: ripe green fruits (grapefruit?) and grapey but not sweet-smelling as some Muscats. There's even a cedary/herbal note though there is no oak, perhaps this is the spontaneous ferment. Very crisp acidity but still balanced. Flavours of grapefruit, clementine and that slightly smoky/herbal quality that I found in the aroma. Intense and lively. Persistent too. (JH) in www.jancisrobinson.com, October 2020



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DO YOU KNOW THE TERROIR CONCEPT? We explain it!

"Terroir" is a french origin term, without translation in just one word, involving a variety of factors which are responsible and interfere in wine making. Its definition from french refers to a limited extension of land considered, from its agriculture suitability point of view and, mainly, to the wine production.

Talking about "terroir" means talking about several factors such as topography, geology, pedology, drainage, climate, microclimate, grape varieties, human intervention, culture, history and tradition. Therefore, the concept of "terroir" comprises a wide range of environmental conditions, but also the interaction, in a particular geographical area, between natural elements (soil composition, local climate, thermal amplitude, altitude, terrain relief, sun exposure, winds, humidity, rainfall volume and distribution, soil drainage) and human factors (the choice of the grape varieties, the agricultural techniques used at the vineyards, the wine making methods and its ageing).

"Terroir" will then be this set of natural and human factors that have a decisive influence on the performance of the vineyard and on the quality of the grape, taking part in the final wine character and assuring its typical origin, as a kind of a regional signature.

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