

The Wine: The flagship wine of Casa de Santar, Conde de Santar is a tribute to the first count of Santar who created the present estate in the 19th century. The wine is a blend of Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro Preto & Tinto Cão with 50% malolactic fermentation in barrels. This classic blend of Portuguese varietals is aged 12 months in new French oak and at least 6 months in bottle prior to release.



Vinification: Fermentation in inox deposits during 10 days at a temperature of 26-28°C. Post-fermentation maceration and malolatic fermentation: 50% in inox deposits and 50% in barrels. Aging of 12 months in new french oak barrels and at least 6 months in bottle.

Tasting Notes: This is a vineyard selection wine that shows a mineral elegance, powered by wood and firmly based on structured tannins and fresh berry fruits. An excellent pairing with hearty lamb and beef dishes.

Press: <u>Wine Enthusiast</u>, July 2008 (2004 vintage), **92 points**:

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Cellar Selection – R.V.



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