



HOWARD'S FOLLY

2015 SONHADOR TINTO

**Grapes:**

Alicante Bouschet; 30% Syrah; 30% Aragonês; 10% Touriga Nacional

Region:

Produced in Portalegre to the north east of the Alentejo on the granite foothills of the São Mamede mountains. The combination of cool, high altitude grapes and granite soils combine to give wines of great finesse with structure, intense aromas and freshness.

Harvest information:

Handpicked. Transported in 15 kg crates. Yield: 4-5 tons/hectare.

Vinification:

Destemmed, gentle crushing, fermentation in small 4 ton stainless steel tanks with regular pump overs and delestage, temperatures 23-25 °C.

Ageing/Finishing:

Stainless steel tanks and used oak barrels for 9 months.

Bottled in June 2017

Winemaker's Notes:

Lifted fresh aromas of red berries and plummy fruit with elegant, intense, spicy fruit on the palate highlighting the cool climate characters of the Portalegre region.

Alcohol
14,5%

Total acidity
5,84gm/l

Volatile acidity
0,54 gm/l

pH
3,56

Total sulfur
57 mg/l

Howard's Folly is a small producer of wine from the Alentejo region of Portugal. The winemaker, David Baverstock, is an Australian by nationality but long time Portuguese resident who is credited with revolutionizing the Portuguese wine industry by introducing new world techniques to old world material.

He has won the Portuguese Red Wine Trophy at both the 1999 and 2002 International Wine Challenges, as well as winemaker of the year (Portugal) 1999, the first non Portuguese Winemaker to do so. He is the head winemaker for the world famous Herdade do Esporão.