



SILK & SPICE

An intense red-ruby colored red wine characterized by aromas of ripe red fruit with hints of vanilla, mocha and spices. A balanced taste, with very soft tannins and a long and persistent finish.

Varietals: 20% Alicante Bouchet, 20% Syrah; **Indigenous:** 40% Touriga Nacional, 20% Baga;

Grounded in History

- ❖ The route from Europe to the Indian Ocean – known as the “**Silk & Spice Route**” – was pioneered by Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama who rounded the Cape of Good Hope in **1498**.
- ❖ Flavors like **nutmeg**, **cinnamon** and **pepper** changed world cuisine, while **silk** from China became prized for its luxurious touch.
- ❖ An original XV century map on the label shows the Bay of Bengal, separating South and Southeast Asia; the **Portuguese coat of arms**, a historical graphical element dating to 1248; and two **caravels**, a small, highly maneuverable boat developed by the Portuguese in the 15th century solely to explore the West African coast and arrive at the Indian Ocean, that took advantage of the wind by sailing closer to the shore than other vessels.