



## AZORES WINE COMPANY ROSE VULCANICO

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The windswept archipelago of the Azores in the mid-Atlantic is one of the world's most unique wine regions, recognised by Unesco in 2004. Vine s have been planted here since the 15th century. The Azores Wine Company is a project between winemakers Filipe Rocha, António Maçanita and Paulo Machado who have worked together to revitalise old vineyards and use combination of traditional and modern winemaking techniques to present these treasures to the world.

The volcanic soils allied to proximity to the sea lends the wines a distinctly brisk, saline character. Hundreds of micro-vineyards are enclosed in small walls just a few metres square to protect them from the wind and sea-spray. These walls are made from basalt stones, which had to be removed from the ground before any planting could take place.

A field blend of Aragonês, Castelão, Malvarisco, Merlot, Saborinho, Syrah, and Touriga Nacional from the wind and sea-swept mid-Atlantic Azores islands, where vines are planted right next to the sea on distinctive volcanic walled vineyards which have been painfully excavated from the black, rocky soil. Vinified in horizontal stainless steel tanks designed to optimise lees contact. Light pink colour, with a touch of cherry and intense nose of ripened strawberry, paired with black pepper and iodine notes. It has a juicy texture and salty but fresh palate, with the salt teasing the tongue It is a bone-dry Volcanic Rosé, and a prime example of heroic viticulture!

