# Quinta do Crasto

Quinta do Crasto Touriga Franca 2019 captures the Douro's sunlit intensity with a surprisingly lifted finish, combining wild-berry depth, delicate spice, and fine, lingering tannins for an enveloping, age-worthy red.

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## Touriga Franca 2019

Douro, Portugal

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep purple, vivid and saturated.
- **Aroma:** Intense wild berry fruit in harmony with delicate spice, with a distinctly perfumed lift.
- **Palate:** Excellent volume with a serious structure of fine-textured, lingering tannins; the finish is fresh, persistent, and enveloping.

### Did you know?

Although often a "supporting star" in Douro blends, **Touriga Franca** is prized for perfume, supple texture, and its ability to keep freshness in warm sites, which is why Quinta do Crasto bottles it as a premium single-varietal only in high-quality years.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Charcoal-grilled lamb chops:** The wine's spice and structured tannins mirror smoky char while the fresh finish keeps the pairing agile.
- **Duck breast with blackberry jus:** Wild-berry notes resonate beautifully, and the refined tannins frame the duck's richness.
- **Iberian pork presa with rosemary:** Herbal lift and juicy texture harmonise with the wine's perfumed profile and oak seasoning.
- **Mushroom and aged-cheese risotto:** Umami amplifies depth, while the wine's firm structure and freshness cleanse the creamy palate.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Touriga Franca

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**Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)**

*The 2019 Touriga Franca was aged for 18 months in 90% new French oak and comes in at 14.7% alcohol. It is not common to see this grape as a monovarietal, but there are some. Crasto is getting it right and helping to lead the way. This opens softly, leaning to sensuality, but it expands in the glass, shows off its fine structure and becomes steadily more interesting. It is a lot less sensual at that point but a lot more powerful. The finish is long and gripping. Since the tannins are moderately ripe, this can be drunk now, but this has a real backbone. Giving it a few years to age would be a great idea. It is still closed and a little too aggressive. Some cellaring will let it come together and become more harmonious. It's hard pressed to match the aromatic glory of its Touriga Nacional sibling, but it certainly has virtues of its own. It does seem very ripe this year. Hopefully, it holds its balance as it ages. There were just 5,414 bottles produced, plus some large-format bottles.*

**James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2019)**

*Attractive blue-fruited character here with spices and blue flowers. Hints of iron, too. Tannins are tightly packed, but very fine and lingering. Medium to full body. It's concentrated and fresh at the same time, with stony minerality at the end. So much verve. They only make this bottling in top years. Drink or hold.*