



# Quinta do Vallado

Quinta do Vallado Douro Superior is a bold and aromatic red wine crafted from organically certified vineyards in the Douro Superior subregion, showcasing the depth and character of Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, and Sousão.



Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 60% Touriga Nacional, 35% Touriga Franca, 5% Sousão

## Douro Superior 2021

Douro, Portugal

### Region and Vineyards

The **Douro Superior**, the easternmost subregion of the **Douro Valley**, is characterized by its extreme climate and dramatic landscapes. Known for its hot, dry summers and cold winters, this area allows for the production of concentrated and expressive wines.

The grapes for this wine are sourced from **Quinta do Orgal**, a vineyard certified as organic. The vines are cultivated along steep terraces with **schist soils**, which retain heat and reflect it back to the vines, promoting optimal ripening. The Douro River nearby moderates temperatures, ensuring freshness and balance in the fruit. These conditions contribute to the bold, aromatic character of the wine.

### Winemaking

Each grape variety is vinified separately at Quinta do Vallado's state-of-the-art facility. The fermentation takes place in **stainless steel vats**, with controlled temperatures and regular remontage (pump-overs) to enhance extraction.

After fermentation, the wine is aged for **16 months in used French oak barrels**, allowing the tannins to soften and the wine to develop complexity without overwhelming the fruit. The organic certification of the vineyards ensures sustainable practices, respecting both the environment and the purity of the grapes.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with vibrant hues.
- **Aroma:** Intense and exuberant, combining **floral notes of Touriga Nacional** with hints of exotic fruits and wild berries.
- **Palate:** Silky and concentrated tannins with flavors of wild fruits, complemented by a fresh and slightly citrusy finish.

### Did You Know?

**Quinta do Orgal**, the source of the grapes for this wine, is a completely organic vineyard. It reflects Quinta do Vallado's commitment to environmentally friendly viticulture, making this wine a symbol of sustainable winemaking in the Douro.



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## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Roast duck with cherry glaze:** The wine's fruit-forward profile pairs beautifully with the richness of duck and the sweet-tart glaze.
- **Beef bourguignon:** Its structure and tannins complement the savory depth of the dish.
- **Grilled eggplant with za'atar:** The earthy flavors and slight smokiness of the eggplant harmonize with the wine's freshness.
- **Aged cheddar or Gruyère:** The wine's bold fruit and silky tannins balance the richness and saltiness of these cheeses.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2021)

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*In 2009, they bought a property in Douro Superior that was an organic estate (Quinta do Orgal) in a place with a good climate and which produced the 2021 Douro Superior, from a vineyard facing north, which is indispensable to compensate for the heat there. It's approximately 60% Touriga Nacional, 34% Touriga Francesa and 5% Sousão matured in used barrels for 16 months, making it spicy and expressive, elegant and with soft tannins and 14% alcohol and a pH of 3.67. It's clean, floral and showy. 66,030 bottles and 514 magnums produced. It was bottled in June 2023.*



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