



# Quinta do Crasto

*Discover the elegance and richness of the Quinta do Crasto Reserva Old Vines, a wine that embodies the essence of old vines with seductive notes of red fruits and a persistent finish.*



## Reserva Old Vines 2021

Douro, Portugal

### Region and Vineyards

Quinta do Crasto is located in the Douro appellation, a renowned wine region in Portugal. The soils of Quinta do Crasto are varied, offering altitudes ranging from 120 to 450 meters, and the vines are planted on terraces supported by stone walls, known as socalcos.

### Winemaking

Quinta do Crasto Reserva Old Vines is made from old vines, comprising **25 to 30 different grape varieties**. The grapes are carefully selected upon arrival at the winery, then destemmed and lightly crushed before being transferred to temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. After alcoholic fermentation, the juice is gently pressed.

The wine is aged for about **18 months in French (85%) and American (15%) oak barrels**, which adds structure and complexity.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep dark ruby.
- **Aroma:** The nose impresses with its depth and complexity, showing aromas of ripe red fruits in perfect harmony with notes of wood forest and hints of fresh gum cistus.
- **Palate:** The palate starts elegantly, evolving into a solid, structured wine with velvety-textured tannins. Engaging, with a balanced, fresh, and persistent finish. This is a wine with extraordinary complexity that fully reflects the essence of the old vines of Quinta do Crasto.

### Did you know?

**The vines at Quinta do Crasto are on average 70 years old**, which imparts remarkable depth and complexity, characteristic of well-established old vines.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Vieilles Vignes



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### Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Grilled Beef Fillet:** The robust structure and silky tannins of the wine pair perfectly with the richness of a grilled beef fillet.
- **Herb Lamb Stew:** The red fruit aromas and woody notes of the wine complement the complex and herbal flavors of a lamb stew.
- **Aged Cheeses:** The complexity and depth of the wine pair well with aged cheeses such as blue cheese or aged cheddar.
- **Dark Chocolate Dessert:** The persistent finish and velvety tannins of the wine harmonize wonderfully with the intensity of a dark chocolate dessert.

#### Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2021)

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*One of the icons of the modern Douro reds, from 42 plots of old vines on the beautiful Quinta do Crasto property (three plots didn't make it to the final blend in 2021), the 2021 Reserva Old Vines (or Vinhas Velhas) comes from different plots averaging 70 years of age. It has the perfumed, outgoing and exuberant nose it has always had, floral, spicy and showy, smoky and nuanced. The destemmed grapes fermented with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel, and the wine matured for 18 months in oak barrels, 85% French and 15% American. The palate is medium to full-bodied with superb balance and very fine tannins. It still shows very good value for money. It has 14% alcohol with a pH of 3.66 and 5.2 grams of acidity. It's approachable but with aging potential.*

#### Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2021)

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*Black plum, mint and dense wood aromas are the result of oak aging and concentrated fruit from 70-year-old vines. The Crasto vineyard is rich in mixed plantings and this wine shows the resulting complexity alongside the fruits.*

#### James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2020)

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*Dark plums and mulberries here with black cardamom and licorice, as well as nut shell and wet soil. Full and structured with firm tannins, which are chalky and lightly chewy. Deep core of ripe dark berries with a meaty and warm finish, and fine tannins at the end with an attractive earthiness. Old vines, mixed plantings of 25 to 30 different grape varieties. Drink or hold.*

