



Quinta do Crasto

Since its first release in 1998, Quinta do Crasto Vinha Maria Teresa has been regarded as one of the greatest Portuguese wines and acclaimed by national and international specialized press.



Vinha Maria Teresa 2019

Douro, Portugal

Vinha Maria Teresa is a small plot of Quinta do Crasto which is **planted with one hundred-year-old vines**. This is the oldest plot of vines at Quinta do Crasto and its name is a tribute to the first grandchild of Constantino de Almeida, founder of the Quinta. Despite their low productivity, old vines give **highly concentrated fruit allowing us to obtain a wine of great complexity**. Quinta do Crasto Vinha Maria Teresa wine is only made in the finest vintages in **very limited quantities**.

A project called "PatGen Vineyards" was recently developed in order to identify all the varieties that make up Maria Teresa's vineyard with the goal of allowing the replacement of dead vines with genetically identical varieties. This therefore will preserve the "terroir" and the "field blend" of this exceptional vineyard. To date **45 different grape varieties have been identified** in this ancient vineyard with 4,7 hectares of vines.

For many wine enthusiasts, enjoying a Quinta do Crasto Vinha Maria Teresa is a true privilege!

Alcohol :14,60 %

Composition: 100% Blend



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Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2018)

The 2018 Vinha Maria Teresa, a field blend from centenarian vines, was aged for 20 months in new oak (90% French, 10% American). It comes in at 14.7% alcohol. Gorgeous, precise, powerful and just a little sexy, too, this is another great Maria Teresa. The brand has built quite a track record of late. Showing fine fruit, some mid-palate finesse and waves of controlled flavor, this then adds some serious pop on the finish. The tannins are not overly astringent here, but there are plenty of them, so this is not close to being ready to drink. Plus, from experience, this is a bottling that will acquire far more finesse, complexity and balance if you cellar it. Peak moments will come closer to the end of this decade than now. Could you drink it now? Yes, because, again, those tannins are not too hard but even giving it a couple of years would help a lot. Will you have wasted at least some of this wine's potential if you dive in now? Definitely. This has hints of greatness today. It mingles elegance, flavor and structure, but it has yet to put it all together. It was certainly better the next day. So it would be best to come back around the end of this decade, not its beginning. I'm leaning up on this gorgeous red. There were 5,970 regular bottles produced, along with 250 magnums and 30 three-liter bottles. As with most of Crasto's 2018 reds, this will not be released until October 2021.



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