



# Quinta do Crasto

The Quinta do Crasto Superior White is a stellar example of Douro winemaking, showcasing the finesse and balance of Viosinho and Verdelho grapes with its fresh citrus notes and vibrant minerality.



Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 60% Viosinho, 40% Verdelho

## Superior White 2022

Douro, Portugal

### Region and Vineyards

Quinta do Crasto is located in the prestigious Douro appellation, known for its stunning landscapes and exceptional wines. **The vineyard plots vary in aspect and altitude, ranging from 600 meters with east to north orientations.** This diversity in terroir allowed for a balance in production levels, with higher altitude areas faring better in terms of yield. The vineyards are structured with **vertical rows and terraces (patamares)**, allowing for optimal sun exposure and air circulation.

### Winemaking

The Quinta do Crasto Superior White is crafted from a blend of **60% Viosinho and 40% Verdelho**. The grapes, sourced from the Douro Superior sub-region, are carefully transported to the winery in 22kg plastic boxes and rigorously inspected upon arrival. They are then destemmed and pressed, with the juice being transferred to stainless steel tanks for a 48-hour decanting period at 8°C. The initial alcoholic fermentation takes place in these tanks before the wine is moved to French oak barrels, where fermentation continues for 45 days at 14°C.

The wine is aged for **6 months in French oak barrels**, with 50% new barrels and 50% used barrels. A portion of these barrels (15%) have acacia heads to add complexity. The barrels are equipped with individual rollers to facilitate lees stirring without introducing oxygen, enhancing the wine's texture and depth.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale lemon.
- **Aroma:** Intense and fresh, with prominent notes of citrus fruit and a vibrant minerality.
- **Palate:** Evolves charmingly in the mouth, offering excellent volume and texture. This is a food-friendly wine with a captivating and long, lingering finish.

### Did you know?

**The vines used for Quinta do Crasto Superior White are 26 years old**, which helps contribute to the wine's complexity and refined character.



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## Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Grilled Seafood:** The fresh citrus notes and vibrant minerality of the wine complement the delicate flavors of grilled seafood.
- **Roast Chicken with Herbs:** The wine's excellent volume and texture pair well with the savory and aromatic qualities of roast chicken.
- **Goat Cheese Salad:** The wine's acidity and minerality balance the richness of goat cheese, making it a perfect match for a fresh salad.
- **Sushi:** The elegant texture and fresh finish of the wine enhance the delicate flavors of sushi.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2022)

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*The 2022 Superior Branco was produced with 60% Viosinho and 40% Verdelho grapes from their vines in the Douro Superior on granite soils. It fermented in barrel, and they stirred the lees by rolling the barrels (to avoid oxidation) to give it structure and aging potential. It has a similar aromatic profile as the regular white—balsamic, white fruit and flowers, herbs and a touch of bay leaf. It has some fine tannins, moderate ripeness and alcohol (12.5% alcohol) and a dry sensation on the palate. It is tasty, clean and long, with a spicy finish and good freshness. This was first produced in 2013. 46,419 bottles produced. It was bottled in May 2023.*



### Wine Spectator (WS) : 90 Points (2022)

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*Rich and creamy, this is well-balanced and vibrant, thanks to lemony acidity providing finely honed definition for flavors of pear tart, toasted almond, pastry cream and vanilla. Shows smoke and spices on the finish. Viosinho and Verdelho.*

