



Quinta do Vallado

Quinta do Vallado Reserva Field Blend is a masterful expression of old-vine winemaking in Portugal's Douro Valley, offering intense concentration, refined elegance, and remarkable complexity.



Reserva Field Blend 2020

Douro, Portugal

Region and Vineyards

The **Douro Valley**, recognized as one of the world's oldest demarcated wine regions, is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the heart of Portuguese winemaking. The vineyards of Quinta do Vallado are located on the steep terraces typical of the region, where the vines benefit from the schist soils and the unique microclimate created by the Douro River.

The grapes for this wine come from **field blend vineyards**, where more than **35 grape varieties**, including Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, and Tinta Barroca, are interplanted. These vines, aged **60 to 100 years**, yield small quantities of highly concentrated fruit. The soils are predominantly schist, providing excellent drainage and imparting a distinctive mineral character to the wines. The high-altitude vineyards enhance acidity and balance, contributing to the wine's freshness and elegance.

Winemaking

The winemaking process for **Quinta do Vallado Reserva Field Blend** combines traditional techniques with modern precision. A portion of the grapes is **foot-trodden in granite lagares**, ensuring a gentle extraction of flavors and tannins. The remainder is fermented in **stainless steel vats** with temperature control, allowing for consistent and clean fermentation.

Following fermentation, the wine undergoes **malolactic fermentation** to soften the acidity and develop complexity. The wine is then aged for **18 months in French oak barrels**, with **22% new oak** and the rest in used barrels. This aging regime imparts subtle oak influence, enhancing the wine's structure and depth without overpowering its fruit character.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Vinhas Velhas



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with violet hues.
- **Aroma:** Concentrated aromas of **black plum, fig**, and hints of **balsamic oak**, complemented by notes of tobacco and spice.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied with firm yet velvety tannins, delivering flavors of dark fruits, minerality, and a touch of smokiness. The finish is long, elegant, and layered with complexity.

Did You Know?

The field blend tradition, used in this wine, dates back centuries and involves interplanting multiple grape varieties in a single vineyard. This approach enhances biodiversity, ensures resilience, and produces wines of remarkable complexity and balance.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised lamb shank with rosemary:** The wine's structured tannins and dark fruit flavors complement the tender, herb-infused lamb.
- **Beef Wellington:** Its richness and savory mushroom notes pair beautifully with the wine's complexity and minerality.
- **Aged Manchego cheese:** The wine's bold flavors and tannic structure balance the cheese's nutty, salty profile.
- **Dark chocolate tart:** Its dark fruit notes and touch of oak create a decadent pairing with bittersweet chocolate.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2020)



Firm and dense, this concentrated wine has powerful black fruits. Its texture is still very present and young, promising great things for the future. Drink this memorable wine from 2026.

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)



The 2020 Reserva is a field blend (some 35 grapes from vines ranging from 60 to 100 years old) that is principally Tinta Roriz, Tinta Amarela, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca, all aged for 16 months in 22% new French oak. It comes in at 14.9% alcohol. Big and ripe, this drinks well and tastes great, but it isn't quite as fresh as, say, the Touriga. That's not to suggest that it doesn't hold its balance; it does. It just seems more typical. It is rather tasty, with ripe tannins for support. You can drink this young or hold it for extended aging.



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Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2020)

A graceful red, with a lovely mix of ripe red and black currant and cherry flavors, plus delicate accents of dried lavender, graphite and milled anise and pepper married to supple tannins. Medium- to full-bodied, lightly juicy and focused throughout, with a well-spiced finish.



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