

Quinta do Vallado LBV Port

"Press Highlights"

2018

• 90 - WINE ADVOCATE, *August 4, 2022*

"...Not quite the powerhouse, perhaps, that the 2017 was, this is still delightful because it is pure, fresh and friendly. The fruit is aromatic and full of flavor, the modest sugar not getting in the way much. This is a pleasure to drink and able to age a bit too. I'd drink it relatively young, though. I love that fruit now. There may be complexity to come if you wait."

2017

• 92 - WINE SPECTATOR. November 2022

"Delivers lots of juicy bramble, licorice root and fruitcake notes that tumble along, with energy from start to finish. Reveals a nice finishing kick of plum cake at the end. Plenty tasty and no rush – a touch of cellaring will coax out more nuances. Drink through 2028. From Portugal."

• 91 - WINE ADVOCATE, March 31, 2022

"...Powerful and deep, this unevolved young LBV is a mini Vintage Port. It has power to spare, a big finish and plenty of flavor. The purity of fruit that typically shows on Vallado's Ruby-family Ports is evident here too, as the stainless steel treatment makes a difference in style. It starts with enticing aromatics, led off by a hint of eucalyptus, becomes richer and delicious, and then shuts down. A couple of days later, it was still unevolved and a little more alcoholic. Lay this down for a year or two, preferably and at least, to let it come together better. It should age brilliantly. It's a star in structure. All we need to see now is more development of the fruit while it holds its balance. Let's be conservative in evaluation today."