



QUINTA DO
VALLADO

DOURO

Sousão

Quinta do Vallado Douro Sousão

“Press Highlights”

2020

- 93 – WINE ADVOCATE, *July 29, 2022*

"...Often my sentimental favorite of their reds, this typically shows off the good acidity, red fruits and velvety texture. As the oak impact has declined (in the distant past it could be as high as 80% new), it shows the red fruits better and has lost that creamy texture it once had. Refined, persistent and flavorful, this is very fine again, if not quite as impressive as last year's. It's hard not to admire its finesse and flavor,

2019

- 95 – WINE ADVOCATE, *March 31, 2022*

"... Spicy and fresh, this has a tinge of vanilla followed by red fruits. As always with this grape, the freshness surrounds and lifts the fruit. Then, Vallado gives it serious treatment and the tannins come out to play. The mid-palate finesse is exceptional. The piquant finish has a touch of garrigue and strawberry. I am shocked at how good this bottling (which I wasn't originally sure I would like) has become, not just on occasion, but regularly...A little nervy and a little tight, it won't necessarily be everyone's first choice, but it is becoming pretty special if its style is your style. In structure, Barolo fans may particularly admire it. In flavor, perhaps the Southern Rhône fans will take notice. That's an interesting blend of styles..."

- 91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *November 2022 Issue*

2016

- 92 – WINE SPECTATOR, *Web-Only 2019*

"An inky, broad red, infused with tart cherry and currant flavors that are concentrated by accents of bitter chocolate, licorice and baking spice. Full, supple tannins frame the lively mineral and savory spice notes on the long finish. Drink now through 2026. 1,133 cases made, 100 cases imported."

- 92 - 94 – WINE ADVOCATE, *August 2018*

"...This is a beauty this year, with the tannins and acidity I expect from this grape. The fine structure is matched by the strawberry-nuanced fruit. It's pretty super, maybe their best ever..."

- 91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *November 2019*

"One of the lesser grapes of the Douro blend, Sousão is something of a specialty at this estate. This aromatic wine reveals richness and black-fruit spiciness that comes from the grape as much as the wood aging. Drink from 2022 "

2012

- 90 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *June 2015*

"Normally used to provide dark color to blended wines, 100% Sousão rarely appears outside its home in Vinho Verde. This example from Vallado, almost black in color, shows the high acidity of the grape. It also shows an unexpectedly richly tannic character that gives structure and releases black plum flavors."