



QUINTA DO
VALLADO

DOURO

Touriga Nacional

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“Press Highlights”

2020

- **93 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *July 29, 2022*

"... In a warm year, Vallado again manages to deliver an elegant Touriga with some finesse and freshness. It always has that fruit-forward Douro style, though, tasting great and expressing the grape well. This year, the winemaker said, it was picked a little earlier and had a stricter selection. He liked the vintage in Douro Superior, where most of this fruit comes from. That doesn't make this an attention-getter, but it makes a wine that everyone will want to drink. It has the freshness to age well. This understated Touriga will be a pleasure to drink."

2019

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

"...Fragrant, flavorful and graceful, this lovely Touriga has an understated feel, but as it sits in the glass and on your tongue, it becomes more persistent while it pulls in the wood. This may not be the most dramatic Touriga that Vallado has made, but it is a carefully crafted wine that has the potential to improve in the cellar. It is vaguely approachable now because the tannins are not too astringent, but you'd be wise to give it a couple of years more in the cellar."

- **92 – WINE SPECTATOR**, *November 30, 2022*

"A creamy, medium-to full-bodied red, with delicate violet, eucalyptus and saffron spice notes playing off baked black cherry and currant fruit. The sculpted tannins are finely meshed, providing fine definition and firming the zesty finish. Drink now through 2029."

- **90 – WINE & SPIRITS**, *February 23, 2023*

"Panelist Bruno Almeida described the scent of this wine as 'beautiful—violets, eucalyptus and rhubarb.' It's Douro in a minor key, with high-toned strawberry notes in counterpoint to the potent tannins. For the cellar."

2018

- **93 – WINE ADVOCATE**, *January 29, 2021*

"...Mildly aromatic, very graceful and precise, this balanced Touriga seems caressing and sensual. The expressive fruit is not fully developed by any means, but this is surprisingly easy to drink right now, once past the initial tannic pop. The tannins, in fact, are quite ripe. Not quite as concentrated as the previous vintage, this is nonetheless pretty fine on its own terms. It should age well too, but let's be at least a little conservative. This still has room to grow and improve in the cellar if you can hold it for a few years."