

Quinta do Vallado Vintage Port

"Press Highlights"

2020

• 91+ - WINE ADVOCATE, August 4, 2022

"... This unusually dry Vintage Port is stern and has some power, but it lacks that big, pure and bold fruit this normally shows. It is still well done, but I'd give this one a bit longer than normal in the cellar, even if it is not impossibly astringent. It has a real backbone and the fruit needs to develop. It will show better in the early 2030s."

2019

• 96 - WINE SPECTATOR, December 2021

"This is a gutsy-style Vintage Port, with loads of fig, black currant and blackberry fruit flavors melding together with waves of ganache, roasted applewood, licorice snap and bramble notes. Everything seems to kick into another gear through the finish too, all while keeping a sense of detail. Impressive. Best from 2040-2060."

• 94 – WINE ADVOCATE, March 31, 2022

"... The rich fruit rolls over the palate and coats it. Considering the lack of wood, this has remarkable texture. What it needs now is some time to evolve and become more expressive. I'd come back around the end of the decade, although that might not be enough. It took about four days to become interesting. The LBV shows better today, but that will certainly change as the years go by."

• 93, #54 TOP 100 WINES FOR 2022- WINE ENTHUSIAST, June/July 2022 Issue

"From old vines in the Rio Torto valley, this Port, fermented in open top lagares, is just starting out. It has dense tannins and massive black-fruit flavors. There is the hint of a floral element, blackberry jelly and dark spice. At the end, there is a touch of sweetness. That and the tannins will lead the wine forward. Drink from 2030."

2018

• 97 – WINE SPECTATOR, February 28, 2021

"Really vibrant, with bramble-laced blueberry, blackberry, and raspberry compote flavors driving along, while mouthwatering anise, violet and fruitcake accents add detail and sparkle throughout. Finish sports a gorgeous late kick of fruit and spice. Best from 2030-2050."

- 95 WINE ENTHUSIAST, December 31, 2020
- 93 WINE ADVOCATE, January 29, 2021
- 92 WINE & SPIRITS, December 2020

2015

- 93-95 WINE ADVOCATE, August 2017
- 95 WINE SPECTATOR, August 2017
- 94 WINE & SPIRITS, December 2017 'Collector's Edition'