

## Quinta do Vallado Touriga Nacional

"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."

• 93 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, September 4, 2023

"Ripe and perfumed, this full wine has fine, stylish tannins and a solid structure. With its dense texture, the wine is full-bodied with spice and acidity to back up the still-young black fruits. Drink from 2025."

## 2019

- 95 TASTING PANEL, May 2024 Issue
- "Dusty graphite, a whisper of charred cedar, and black plum are rich, robust notes. The black peppered tobacco finish is tempered by a graceful acidity and an underlying elegance."
- 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..."
- 92 JAMES SUCKLING, January 2024
- "Lots of blackberry and black cherry character on both the nose and palate. Some ink pot and black licorice, too. Medium-bodied with firm and lightly velvety tannins and a savory finish. Drink or hold.
- 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..."

## 2018

• 93 - WINE ADVOCATE, January 29, 2021