

PORTUGAL
RED WINES

DOURO

94 Quinta do Crasto 2011 Vinha Maria Teresa (Douro). From an old block of vines, producing a field blend of many different varieties, Vinha Maria Teresa is a major wine. Its low yields, firm tannins and dense wood aging give it great staying power. Black plum surge through the chocolate flavors and are given point by acidity. Age this fine wine until 2018. Broadbent Selections, Inc. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$160

93 Duorum 2011 Reserva Old Vines (Douro). This major wine is terroir driven. It shows the hard rocks, the heat and the powerful structure that gives the Douro its unique vinous structure. It's a dense wine with its firm, dry tannins and black plum fruits offering great acidity and a black texture. The wine needs to age, drink from 2017. Winebow. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$45

93 Quinta do Crasto 2011 Touriga Nacional (Douro). This is a very fine wine with its dense tannins and concentrated black fruits. It is a structured wine that shows the intimate connection between Touriga Nacional and the tough growing conditions of the Douro. Its fruit and its firm core all point to aging. Drink from 2018. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$80

92 Sogrape 2010 Callabriga (Douro). Part of a range of wines made to show the strengths of each wine region. This Douro wine certainly brings out the tough soil and the firm tannins. They go along with dark fruits, a mineral texture and the spice from wood aging. Drink this serious, dense wine from 2015. Evaton, Inc. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$16

91 Quinta do Crasto 2011 Tinta Roriz (Douro). There is power inside this bottle. Tinta Roriz, or Tempranillo, showing both its tannic strength when young and also its potential for elegant aging. So this impressive wine is smooth, ripe, full of black fruits with a layer of caramel wood aging and a firm core. Age this for several years and drink from 2017. Broadbent Selections, Inc. —R.V.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$80

91 Wines & Winemakers 2009 Agua Moura em Vinhas Velhas Garrafeira (Douro). A big, structured wine that is so firm and tannic even after five years. It's a massive construction, full of dark fruit, blackberries and black plums that are supported by the solid texture and smoothed by wood

aging. The wine still needs time, drink from 2015. Best Brands Incorporated. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$40

90 Duorum 2012 Colheita (Douro). Ripe and juicy, this is an impressive, dense and dark wine. It has tarry tannins, black plum and berry fruits and a solid structure. The fruit and the structure balance in a wine that could age, has a mineral edge and a firm aftertaste. Winebow. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$20

90 Kopke 2011 Red (Douro). A solid, tannic wine that has both great rich fruits and a dry core that needs to soften with age. It tastes powerful without sacrificing a perfumed and floral elegance. This is a serious wine, with a dense texture and potential. Drink from 2016. Wine In-Motion. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$13

88 Sogevinus 2011 Veedha (Douro). This is a rich and jammy wine, packed with black fruits as well as dark tannins. Dark chocolate flavors come from the wood aging which also leaves a burnt taste. These both suggest this potentially fine wine needs to age. Drink from 2016. Wineworth LLC. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

88 Vidigal 2012 3 Autores (Douro). Firmly tannic and dense, this dry wine is dedicated to the winemakers at Vidigal, the authors in the name of the wine. It has berry fruits under its dark texture, promising more fruit in the next several years. There is a show of wood aging as well as acidity at the end. Screwcap. Suprex International. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$12

87 Borges 2011 Lello (Douro). There is a strong barnyard aroma here, although the palate is cleaner and more modern. With rich tannins and a dark plum character, it's ripe and structured. There is a strong mineral element, giving the wine power and density. Drink from 2016. Dionysos Imports Inc. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$8

87 Duorum 2012 Tons de Duorum (Douro). This second wine from Duorum is softly ripe, broad and fruity, full of bright red fruits as well as fresh acidity and gentle tannins. Just hinting at wood aging, it's a wine to drink soon, from 2015. Winebow. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

DÃO

95 Vinha Paz 2011 Reserva (Dão). This is Dão at its best. It's a powerful wine, embedded in the hard granite of the region with its dark, brooding tannins and solid structure, with a touch of chocolate in the background. Dominated by Touriga Nacional, juicy but very firm, it wears its long wood

aging easily. The wine is already integrated, but should be aged for several years. Drink from 2017. Laurel Importers. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

88 Vinha Paz 2012 Colheita (Dão). The wines has concentration, while also having rich, smooth fruits that exude blackberries, fresh acidity and just the right amount of wood to give complexity. It's firm, but ready to drink. Laurel Importers. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

86 Borges 2012 Meia Encosta (Dão). While the wine does have tannins, it's dominant characters are juicy red fruits, sweet tannins and a fresh, lightly mineral texture. It's a wine that's ready to drink, fruity while firm at the end. Dionysos Imports Inc. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$8

86 Vidigal 2012 Red (Dão). A blend of Touriga Nacional with a more local grape, Jaen, gives a juicy, light and fragrant wine. There's a tannic structure, but the wine is more to do with red fruits and acidity. Drink in 2015. Suprex International. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$10

LISBOA

87 Vidigal 2012 NBNC = No Branding No Cry (Lisboa). The name of the wine is, of course, a branding exercise in itself. Luckily, the wine inside the bottle is ripe and enjoyable. It's fruity, soft, gently tannic with juicy red fruits and black plums, all finished with fresh acidity. Drink now. Screwcap. American Northwest Distributors Inc. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$12

86 Vidigal 2010 Reserva dos Amigos (Lisboa). While the wine is rich and tarry, it has an old-fashioned feel to it that comes from the juicy tannins and touch of rusticity. That's not unattractive, a wood-aged oxidized wine that has fruit and spice to add to its allure. Drink from 2015. Global Wine Company. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$15

85 Vidigal 2011 Reserva (Lisboa). This is a soft wine, attractively fruity with gentle tannins. It is fresh with red berry fruits and open acidity. There is a burnt edge at the end which needs to blow off. Drink from 2015. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$9

85 Vidigal 2009 Touriga Nacional (Lisboa). There is an attractive rustic, old-fashioned feel to this wine. It has less fruit and more tarry tannins along with touches of old wood. There is a juicy final taste that keeps the wine refreshing as well. Global Wine Company. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$15

ALENTEJANO

93 José Maria da Fonseca 2011 José de Sousa (Alentejano). Fermented partially in old clay amphoras, this is a rich wine that has managed to retain freshness as well. The blend includes Grand Noir, a grape with red juice, as well as Trincadeira and Aragonez. Its density is revealed as it opens up, giving ripe red fruits, solid tannins and a dry core. Drink from 2017. Palm Bay International. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$16

91 Monte da Ravasqueira 2011 Reserva (Alentejano). Still firmly closed up, this is a powerful wine with considerable potential. It has strong tannins and a tight black-berry fruitiness. The juiciness of Alicante Bouschet shines through, promising a rich future in which the structure will be coupled with more forward fruit character. Artisan Vines Distributing. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

90 Monte da Ravasqueira 2011 Vinha das Romãs (Alentejano). Strongly tannic, this is a powerhouse of fruit and structure. It has weight and richness, but with ample acidity to keep the wine fresh and juicy. Complex and ripe, hold this powerful wine until 2017 before drinking. Artisan Vines Distributing. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$NA

89 J. Portugal Ramos 2012 Vila Santa Reserva (Alentejano). For those who want power along with elegance, this Reserva is just right. It has concentration, delicious tannins and black fruits and a solid core that gives it weight and aging potential. Drink now, but also wait until 2016. Winebow. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$20

88 Herdade de São Miguel 2013 Ciconia Tinto (Alentejano). Ripe and smooth, this is a rich, rounded wine that has a warm character, tasting of sunshine. With soft tannins, a touch of caramel from the wood aging and layers of black fruits, it's an attractive wine to drink now, or age until 2017. Tri-Vin Imports. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$8

88 Terras d'Alter 2010 Fado Tinto Reserva (Alentejano). Fruity and lightly structured, this is a wine for drinking now. It has great juicy fruitiness, soft tannins and an immediately drinkable character, great for barbecues. The wine is named after the Fado Portugal's national music, songs by seamen longing for home. Tri-Vin Imports. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$20

87 Falua 2012 Tagus Creek Shiraz and Trincadeira (Alentejano). This is a finely made, easy to drink wine. It is soft, round, with spice and light tannins, a wine that would travel to parties, barbecues and pasta bakes. The acidity from the black-

berry flavor keeps it fresh and fruity. Aidil Wines/Old World Import. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$12

86 Terras d'Alter 2013 Fado Tinto (Alentejano). Fado, wine and song, reads the label, and Fado is the essentially Portuguese style of music. The wine is more international in character, ripe, soft and smooth, with attractive acidity and juicy fruit. Drink through 2016. Tri-Vin Imports. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$9

85 Herdade de São Miguel 2013 Monte dos Amigos (Alentejano). A wine that is meant to be drunk young, with its berry fruits and soft tannins. It's fruity and fresh, a ripe and spicy mouthful. Drink over the next year. Tri-Vin Imports. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$8

PIEDMONT

2010 BAROLO

100 Giuseppe Rinaldi 2010 Brunate (Barolo). The 2010 Brunate is one of the greatest expressions of this fabulous vintage. Polished and structured, it seamlessly combines layers of rose, violet, perfumed red berries, juicy black cherry, leather, spice and eucalyptus sensations that convey a Nebbiolo purity of compelling depth and finesse. It's already gorgeous, but will become one of the legendary bottlings of the vintage. Drink 2020–2045. Vinifera Imports. *Cellar Selection.* —K.O.
abv: NA **Price:** \$126

100 Paolo Scavino 2010 Bric dël Fiasc (Barolo). For full review see [page 99](#). *Cellar Selection.*
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$100

99 Cantina Bartolo Mascarello 2010 Barolo. From one of the denomination's leading traditional producers, this gorgeous, elegant Barolo opens with floral aromas of dried rose petals, woodland berries, leather, spice and whiffs of balsamic herbs. The palate seamlessly combines crisp, red cherry-berry fruit, white pepper and mint balanced by firm but polished tannins and bright acidity. Full of finesse, it will age majestically. Drink after 2020. Polaner Selections, Rare Wine Co. *Cellar Selection.* —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$NA

99 Massolino 2010 Parafada (Barolo). Powerfully structured yet surprisingly graceful, this is one of the stars of the vintage. It seamlessly weaves together tobacco, underbrush, leather and intense balsamic sensations with succulent black cherry, raspberry and licorice flavors. It's all supported by a backbone of lively acidity and noble tannins. This will age and evolve for decades. Drink 2020–2050. Vineyard Brands. *Cellar Selection.* —K.O.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$95