

QUINTA DO NOVAL

(Above) The terraced "Nacional" vineyard of Quinta do Noval, which produces the most famous and collectible Port of the estate.



Quinta do Noval 10-Year Tawny Port

Douro Valley, Portugal

ESTATE

Quinta do Noval is one of the oldest and arguable the greatest traditional Port house. The emphasis is on the importance of the vineyard, which is why the company is named after its vineyard and why the principal Vintage Ports, Quinta do Noval and Quinta do Noval Nacional are both single vineyard wines. The company's aim is to produce great classic Ports, which are harmonious and elegant expressions of the terroir of Quinta do Noval. Noval is a pioneer and the improvements made to the Estate over the last 15 years have resulted in the most outstanding range of wines from the Douro Valley.

WINE

Noval 10 year old Tawny is a blend of old Ports from different vintages that have matured in oak casks, with an average age of 10 years. It shows an outstanding intensity of color, complexity, concentration, and depth of flavor. A favorite of restaurateurs because it remains fresh for weeks after opening, the Noval Tawny Port has beautiful complexity with vibrant young fruit that blends with the attractive and characteristic dry fruit and nut aromas. It's rich and smooth on the palate, with an elegant structure and long finish.

VINEYARD

Soils: The astonishing terraced vineyards of Noval, perched above the Douro and Pinhao rivers, are an infertile schist, and not soil as much as sheer rock. The elevation of the vineyards goes from just above river level to nearly 1,200 feet at their highest. **Farming:** All vineyards are farmed sustainably.

WINEMAKING

Harvest: 100% of the estate grown fruit is trodden by foot in lagares (traditional stone vats from the Quinta), a traditional, costly and rare approach.

Variety: Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz and Tinta Barroca dominate among the other traditional grape varieties.

Aging: Matured in oak barrels of 640 liters until bottling.

Alcohol: 19.5%

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Wine Spectator

"A fresh, vibrant style, showing cherry and red currant *pâte de fruit* notes, with blood orange and rooibos tea flavors. Light cinnamon and mineral nuances add to the streamlined finish."

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Jeb Dunnuck

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Wine Enthusiast

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