

QUINTA DO NOVAL

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



LBV Single Vineyard Port 2016

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

This wine is a remarkable example of the Noval style. Treated exactly like a Vintage Port with only noble grape varieties that sourced exclusively from estate vineyards, trodden by foot and unfiltered. This expression differs in its extended aging, seeing five years in casks instead of the typical two years for Vintage Ports. Definitely an LBV with a difference, this wine has fine structured tannins, great freshness and purity of fruit. It is delicious to drink today, but will age beautifully in its bottle.

VINEYARD

All the grapes come from the Quinta do Noval vineyard, in Pinhão – the heart of the Douro Valley. A blend of these higher quality varieties are planted throughout the vineyard due to the major re-planting project of the early 1990s. At this age, the fruit at the estate is entering the prime of quality.

Farming: The vineyard is farmed sustainably.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: FGrapes were trodden by foot to obtain the must, then during fermentation macerate to obtain the best possible extraction in the "lagares", the traditional stone vats from the Quinta.

Variety: A blend of six traditional Portuguese grape varieties: Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca and Tinta Cão.

Aging: Matures for 5 years in French oak

Alcohol: 19.5%

VINTAGE NOTE

2016 was a year of extremes: a warm winter with high rainfall, twice as much as in an average year. After a wet spring, summer was very hot and dry, with some peaks of heat in August and September. Much needed rain fell on 13th September, and maturation continued in ideal conditions from this point onwards. The main part of the harvest began on 19th September in dry and sunny weather, and the fruit continued to ripen throughout the harvest period.

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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"Another super LBV from one of the region's best producers of it, this is bursting with flavors leaning to strawberries and herbs. It adds fine concentration and reasonable tannic support. In power, it is a bit understated this year. This should age well (they always do) and acquire complexity along the way..." M.S 8/22