

2022 Year in Review

2022 is ending and once again the quality of our wines has been recognized throughout the world, with wines scoring 90+ pts and representing outstanding value.

Let's take a quick look back and see what has been said about some of our wines:



Primo

Red D.O.C. Palmela 2016

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POINTS

"The 2016 Primo is mostly Castelão from near-centenarian vines, plus 15% Tintinha, all aged for 12 months in new French oak. It comes in at 14.01% alcohol... The strawberries and red fruits come out to play as it airs out. This seems rather brilliant. It should age very well, perhaps holding well for two decades from now..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, End of April 2022

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POINTS

"Fully mature, this rich wine has a powerful structure giving mature density and concentration. Aged in wood, it is spicy with a smooth texture, the fruit an immense array of developing secondary flavors. The one downside to this wine is the heavy bottle. Drink now."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, June/July 2022



Pegos Claros Grande Escolha

Red D.O.C. Palmela 2017

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POINTS

"The 2017 Grande Escolha Pegos Claros Vinhas Velhas is a Castelão aged for 12 months in a mixture of new and fifth-use French oak of varying sizes... The Castelão is in full flight here, very aromatic, aggressive in flavors, a bit candied and taking no prisoners. It is chock-full of strawberries... It is surprisingly fresh, and it should be a winner in time..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, April 2022

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POINTS

"Aged in wood, this wine with its pure Castelão is dense and firmly concentrated. Now fully developed, it is packed with black fruits and ripe tannins that have softened and melded together. Drink this fine wine now."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, June/July 2022



Pegos Claros Reserva

Red D.O.C. Palmela 2018

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POINTS

"The 2018 Reserva Vinhas Velhas is all Castelão, aged for one year in well-used French oak of varying ages. It comes in at 13.8% alcohol. The "old vines" designation on the back label means 70+ years here. Tightly wound, concentrated and firm on the finish, this is superb in this tough vintage that destroyed a lot of the winery's Castelão in a vicious heat wave... This lacks for nothing in concentration, structure and flavor, although it is never a candied and overly simple wine..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, End of July 2022



Lua Cheia Reserva Especial

Red D.O.C. Douro 2019

92
POINTS

"This wood-aged wine, with its firm tannins just beginning to soften, is finely balanced. Its black-plum-skin texture and black-fruit flavors are already showing well, although they do need time. Drink this concentrated wine from 2024."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, June/July 2022

Editors' Choice

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POINTS

"The 2019 Reserva Especial is an old-vines field blend aged for 12 months in used French oak. It comes in at 14% alcohol. In bottle a little less than two months when tasted, this still seemed pretty nice and almost ready to roll... It's simply a more complete wine..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, January 2022



Andreza Altitude

Red D.O.C. Douro 2019

92
POINTS

"Aged for a year in wood, this wine is rich and polished. A blend of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca, it is rich while also having a fine line of acidity and fragrant black fruits. Although it is young, it is also vividly ready to drink."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, October 2022

Editors' Choice

89
POINTS

"The 2019 Tinto Andreza Altitude is a 60/40 blend of Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional aged for 12 months in 30% new French oak... it is textured with velvet, chock-full of flavor on the finish and it coats the palate, despite not being overly rich or concentrated. As noted, this has some chance to improve. It will be interesting to see how it develops over the next year or two..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, January 2022



Tyto alba Touriga Nacional

Red D.O.C. Do Tejo 2020

91
POINTS

"A ripe, luscious wine, this has opulent black fruits that are outlined by tannins. The wine is structured and dense, rich in black fruits and juicy acidity. Drink this fine wine from 2024."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, October 2022

Cellar Selection

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POINTS

"The 2020 Touriga Nacional Tyto Alba was aged for 12 months in a mixture of new and used French oak and comes in at 14.48% alcohol. Relatively concentrated and full of fruit this year, this is still balanced and nicely constructed... This is well done and drinks great now in its easy-drinking style..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, August 2022



Andreza Reserva

Red D.O.C. Douro 2019

90
POINTS

"Dense tannins and dark-black fruits reveal a classically structured Douro wine. With its edge of minerality and a fine potential balance between the fruit and the dry core, the wine is ripe and will be ready to drink from 2024."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, June/July 2022

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POINTS

"The 2019 Reserva Andreza is a blend of 50% Touriga Franca, 25% Touriga Nacional and 25% Tinta Roriz (a big increase), all aged for 10 months in a 70/30 mixture of used French oak and stainless steel... Only about two months in bottle when tasted, this seemed largely ready to drink. The tannins are soft, and the wine is accessible while always being fruit forward. It's tasty and elegant..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, January 2022



Lua Cheia

Red D.O.C. Douro 2020

90
POINTS

"A powerful wine with dark tannins and rich fruits, this is already showing its style. Produced on typical Douro terraced vineyards, the wine offers plenty of firm minerality and ripe blackberry fruits. The wine will smooth out and should be ready from 2024."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, June/July 2022

Best Buy

87
POINTS

"The 2020 Tinto is a field blend from old vines, unoaked and coming in at 13.6% alcohol. A little sappy and surprisingly rich in texture, this finishes with some bite, some tannic support for the fruit. Clean and fruit forward, this is typically a well-done bargain, and it is again this year..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, April 2022



Tyto alba Merlot

Red D.O.C. Do Tejo 2020

90
POINTS

"A wine from the natural reserve in the northern Tejo, this is ripe, spicy with generous black fruits and tannins that have already begun to soften. It is balanced, a rich wine, finishing with acidity."

Roger Voss, in *Wine Enthusiast*, October 2022

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POINTS

"The 2020 Merlot Tyto Alba was aged for 12 months in a mixture of new and used French barriques. It comes in at 13.9% alcohol. This, unlike so many Bordeaux grapes in Portugal, actually has a classic feel to it in its flavor profile... Overall, this clean and balanced Merlot shows great..."

Mark Squires, in www.robertparker.com, August 2022

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"May this Christmas be for us all,
a moment of joy and affection..."

Full of reborn hope..."

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