

Wine Enthusiast November 2020

ROGER VOSS

Take a look at the November 2020 Ratings by the prestigious Portuguese wine expert Roger Voss, for the Wine Enthusiast Magazine.

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Album Reserva

Red Alentejano 2018

"The four grapes in this wine include Petit Verdot, a grape that thrives in the Alentejo region. The wood-aged wine is rich, smoothly textured and finely balanced. With acidity to go with the solid black fruits and concentration, the wine is fully ready to drink."

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POINTS

Maria Bonita Loureiro Barrica

Vinho Verde 2018

"This wood-aged wine is spicy as much as fruity. Its creamed apple fruits are married with almond and spice flavors as well as fine acidity to give a balanced, mature wine that is ready to drink."

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Andreza Códexga do Larinho

White Douro 2019

"This wine features a grape that is increasingly being used in Douro white wines to give crispness. Here with mineral texture and citrus flavors, the wine has freshness as well as a warmer hint of tropical fruits. Drink now."

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Album

Red Alentejano 2018

"A rich, smoothly fruity wine, this has soft tannins that are fully integrated with the black fruits. Acidity gives freshness while also underlining the ripe fruits and smoky aftertaste. Drink now."

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Herdade de Catapereira

White Tejo 2019

"This single-vineyard wine is aromatic and fruity. The herbal edge from Sauvignon Blanc is mitigated by the smooth, ripar Alentejo and Fendão Reds, giving a flavorful wine that is ready to drink."

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Samora

Red Tejo 2017

"A blend of four grapes including Syrah, the wine is rich, softly textured and ready to drink. Warm and comfortable, it has spice, black fruits and a lightly smoky aftertaste. Drink now."

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Herdade de Catapereira

Red Tejo 2019

"A juicy red-fruited wine that is soft and made to drink young. With its rich fruitiness and light tannins, the wine is succulent, finishing with attractive acidity. Drink from 2021."

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Azul Portugal

Red Tejo

"With 50% Castelão in the blend, the wine is open and full of red fruits and acidity. It has an edge of tannins that do give a firm structure, but that is fully balanced by the wine's warm fruits. Drink now."

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Nostalgia
Alvarinho
2018



Andreza
Reserva
2017

OTHER NEWS

DO YOU KNOW THE "BLEND" CONCEPT?

In Portuguese the term "blend" is used to designate blended wines ("vinhos de lote"), in French, "assemblage", although the term "cote" is also used to define the same word. All of these terms are used to name a wine produced from the mixture of two or more different grape varieties, each with its own personality.

The "Blend" classification is, therefore, the opposite of "monocasta" or "monovarietal", which are wines with a single variety.

A "Blend" wine is usually made in the vineyard, but it can be made separately, depending on the maturity of each variety, and the oenologist, at the end of fermentation, decides the final blend. Traditionally speaking, this mixture is more beneficial in minimizing risks. It helps to refine the wine and create dimensions, improve flavours, color, texture or body, making the wine more balanced and complex.

In the particular case of Portugal, we benefit from the diversity, versatility and potential of our approximately 250 indigenous varieties, most of which do not exist in other regions of the world, making Portuguese wines distinct and unique, as they represent the quality and personality of the varieties with which they were produced.