Wines of Portugal Tasting with Tom Surgey

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WINE	GRAPES	STYLE	UK IMPORTER	SCORE	TOM'S TASTING NOTES
ANTÃO VAZ DA MALHADINHA VINHA DA PECEGUINA 2020 IGP ALENTEJO	Antão Vaz	WHITE	Raymond Reynolds	98	All day every day. Love this nose. Struck flint, lemon peels, tiny wafts of nectarine (phrase and a half). Great mid-weight palate; fruit is rich and multi-layered. Love it. Nice, clean, long finish. Exceptional.
QUINTA DOS ROQUES COLHEITA TINTO 2018 DOC DÃO	Touriga Nacional, Jaen, Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz, Tinto Cão	RED	Raymond Reynolds	98	Stunning, elegant nose. Great oak, minerality, fine cherry and just-ripe plum fruit in harmony. It's good. Medium-bodied palate, held taut with clean acidity. Moreish. Delicious. Super classy.
ALMEIDA GARRETT DOC BEIRA INTERIOR TNT 2017 DOC BEIRA INTERIOR	60% Touriga Nacional, 40% Trincadeira	RED	Oakley Wine Agencies	95	Beautiful ruby colour, edges just hinting at the gently gathering maturity. Fantastic nose – black cherries, fresh plums and elegant, bay-leaf aromatics. Great palate – lovely concentration and roundness of fruit, fresh acidity in harmony cleaning it up nicely, medium-chewy tannins give texture and grip; the whole package. Fruit lingers long. Lovely dry spice and that bay leaf, and the lightest ever red-liquorice note right at the end keep it moreish and interesting at every sip. Very good wine.
SOGRAPE VINHOS CASA FERREIRINHA CASTAS ESCONDIDAS 2018 DOC DOURO	Old Vine Field Blend, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarela, Touriga Femea, Tinto Cão, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Bastardo, Marufo Tinto	RED	Liberty Wines	95	Transportative, brilliant, everything nose. Love this. Precise fruit – lovely fresh acid, push-pull of zing and rich ripeness that is only found in Portugal. Putting specific fruits on it feels unfair. Black fruits. Density and lively energetic acid. Really cool. Good balance. Feels good. Finish goes on for ages.
SOALHEIRO GERMINAR LOUREIRO VINHAS VELHAS 2020 VR MINHO	Loureiro	WHITE	Raymond Reynolds	95	Fantastic balance – such elegant wine. Mega stylish. Love the lifted, pineapple tropicals, pear and blossom nose. Saline minerality runs throughout. Multi layered. Palate is clean and lean, the juicy fruit held tight with great acid structure. V V good. Really enjoyed.
PARRAS WINES QUINTA DO GRADIL ARINTO 2020 IG LISBOA	100% Arinto	WHITE		95	Great wine – love the intense, concentrated line of green fruits that runs from nose to finish. Super clean. Lovely dancing aromatics and fresh-cut herbs. Great acidity Crunchy, chewy green fruits on finish. Super wine.
ANSELMO MENDES MUROS DE MELGAÇO 2020 DOC VINHO VERDE	Alvarinho	WHITE	Clark Foyster Wines	94	Great balance and structure. Exceptional concentration of both minerality and fruit. Not a expressive and energetic as some; a softness and rich texture from oak – but not spicy/ overt; just rounds edges. V good.

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LIMA SMITH TECEDEIRAS RESERVA 2017 DOC DOURO	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinto Cão, Tinta Amarela	RED	Clark Foyster Wines	94	Muliti-layered, expressive nose – dried spice and black berry fruits, palate follows adding bright juicy fruit lift. A bit of musky perfume runs though. Really lovely. Classy wine. Moreish.
ADEGA DE PEGÕES TOURIGA NACIONAL 2018 IGP SETUBAL	100% Touriga Nacional	RED	Hallgarten Wines	92	Fantastic rich dark fruit nose – ripeness and bright energy. Palate is full-bodied, ripe-tannins and cocoa-dusted plummy fruit. Good concentration – excellent line through the wine. Cool.
NIEPOORT VINHOS VERTENTE 2018 DOC DOURO	Vinhas Velhas	RED	Raymond Reynolds	92	A harmony of savoury, earthy spice, blackberry and baked cherry fruits. There's a little dry gingerbread, there is freshly picked plum perfume. A lovely layered wine. The pale follows, with a mouthful of chewy black fruits kept upbeat by a clean acidity. The finish is great; every element rolls on through.
ROCIM WINES FRESH FROM AMPHORA 2020 IGP ALENTEJO	Moreto, Tinta Grossa, Trincadeira	RED	Hallgarten Wines	92	Yes, please. Crunchy, crisp red and black cherry fruits on a lean frame. Fresh acidity, rolling layers of sunny, grape-skin-contact depth and what I-assume-to-be-old vine character. Serve chilled. Gently savoury, dry finish. Cool.
QUINTA DO CRASTO RESERVA OLD VINES 2018 DOC DOURO	Vinhas Velhas, Field Blend	RED	Enotria & Coe	92	Classy. Perfumed aromatics bring up rich, ripe red and black berry mid palate fruit on a medium-bodied frame. Lovely finish – rolling layers of red and black fruit and that classy spice. V good.
JOSÉ MARIA DA FONSECA VINHOS, ALAMBRE 20 YEARS MOSCATEL DE SETÚBAL DOC MOSCATEL DE SETÚBAL	Moscatel de Setúbal	FORTIFIED		90	Great nose – toasted walnuts, burned caramel, pine-forest, sultana. Lusciously sweet palate – follows nose. Rolling dried fruits, spice and maturity. Long finish.
BACALHÔA MOSCATEL DE SETÚBAL 2018 D.O SETÚBAL	Moscatel de Setúbal	FORTIFIED	Ehrmanns	90	Classic nose – marmalade, juicy lemon with peel and a soft lychee character. Bergamot perfume. Very good. Palate is very sweet – great acidity in balance. Palate follows nose – apricots and lychee linger long. Great concentration.
CASAL DE VENTOZELA ARINTO 2021 DOC VINHO VERDE	100% Arinto	WHITE	Oakley Wine Agencies	90	Nice wine. Zesty lime, crisp green orchard fruits. Good balance throughout – well made. Engaging – keep going back in. Finish lingers long. Like a lot.

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CONVENTO DO PARAÍSO SOUSÃO 2015 IGP ALGARVE	Sousão	RED	Raymond Reynolds	90	Love love love the nose – fruity drying out slightly. Dried cherries plums. Elegant with it – layers of spice and maturity. Palate concentrated and kept fresh by lean acid. V good.
ENCOSTA DO SOBRAL VINHAS VELHAS 2019 IGP TEJO	Trincadeira, Castelão, Aragonez	RED		90	Delicious! Moreish. Good times. A lovely wine with dense, concentrated black fruits at it's core, lifted by fresh acid and a classy spice that rolls though. Medium bodied but light-of-foot due to the freshness. Great concentration. Like a lot.
FALUA RESERVA UNOAKED TOURIGA NACIONAL 2018 IGP TEJO	Touriga Nacional	RED	Oakley Wine Agencies	90	Lovely ripe, juicy fruits – a chewy tannic structure. Black plums, cherry and an uplifting musky perfume. Full bodied, concentrated, tense with acid. A proper powerhouse, subtle liquorice on finish but it keeps it clean and fruit focuses. Good.
MARIA BONITA NOSTALGIA 2019 DOC VINHO VERDE	Alvarinho	WHITE		90	Lovely nose – great balance of perfume aromatics, fruit with maturity and brightness. Palate has a lovely richness and structure – lovely lees notes. Finish v good. Gently prickly acidity lingers long – fruit continues well. V good.
QUINTA DO PINTO ARINTO 2018 DOC ALENQUER	Arinto	WHITE	Boutinot	90	Lovely green fruit and lemon zest nose, subtle 'erbs. Fantastic richness and weight on palate. Mature fruit. Alive and zippy but multi-layered textural palate. Great concentration. Love.
CAZAS NOVAS PURE 2019 DOC VINHO VERDE	Avesso	WHITE	Oakley Wine Agencies	89	Lovely tension and structure. Really like the nose – A richness, alongside gentle aromatics and fruits. Nice clean palate. Complete, long finish. V good.
HERDADE PAÇO DO CONDE RESERVA BRANCO 2018 IGP ALENTEJANO	Antão Vaz	WHITE		88	Like this a lot. A creaminess and rich texture throughout – the nose promises it. No oak masking the varietal – a lovely opportunity. Gentle nose; herbs, sunny white fruits. Palate is dense and bold. Good acid balance. Hazelnut on finish. Multi-layered. V good.
VINHOS QUINTA DA PEDRA ALTA, PEDRA A PEDRA BRANCO 2020 DOC DOURO	62 % Gouveio, 38% Rabigato	WHITE	Bancroft	88	Pretty, elegant nose – lovely. Not florally aromatic – but lifted citrus and tense orchard fruits – an energy. Palate is dry. I love the tension and fresh structure. Good structure – some salinity on finish. Moreish.

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MAGNUM CARLOS LUCAS VINHOS RIBEIRO SANTO AUTOMÁTICO 2018 DOC DÃO	Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz	RED	Clark Foyster Wines	87	Immediately I love the nose – hints of a dense, tense core of damson, cherry fruit when in it's youth, that I bet is still tense on the palate but now lies behind subtle but clear layers of baking ginger bread, salty fresh seaweed and a shimmering promise of minerality. Medium bodied, but nimble and tense with clean acidity and chewy tannins, the palate follows the nose with a bit of extra red fruit. Medium length. Hints of liquorice and rolling tobacco on finish. Nice.
RAVASQUEIRA TOURIGA FRANCA 2019 IGP ALENTEJANO	Touriga Franca	RED	ABS Wine Agencies	86	Lovely perfumed aromatic note first on nose. Thyme and Tarragon herb notes. Fruit is delicious, deeply concentrated with chewy tannin. Nice clean acid line.
QUINTA DO AMEAL AMEAL LOUREIRO 2019 DOC VINHO VERDE	Loureiro	WHITE	Hatch Mansfield	85	Gently floral perfume. Peach, pear soft fruits. Fresh structure and good concentration – lovely example. Finish sightly bitter. Easy drinking.
QUINTA DAS ARCAS CONDE VILLAR ALVARINHO 2021 DOC VINHO VERDE	Alvarinho	WHITE	Bibendum	85	Nice nose – lively, precise, high-energy, fruit. Palate has good tension and a fine structure, fruit medium-concentrated, prickly acidity. Well balanced but not too complex.
CARTUXA GENO 2020 IGP ALENTEJANO	Antão Vaz, Roupeiro & Arinto	WHITE	Mentzendorff	85	Really like the complete package here. Nose doesn't scream at you – ripe fruits and some subtle mature fruit notes coming in. Like that. Nice soft, round palate – good concentration. Some butter and classy texture on finish – like how it evolves on palate.
JULIA KEMPER RESERVE RED 2011 DOC DÃO	Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Alfrocheiro, Jaen	RED		85	Lovely, mature nose – bright tense berry fruit, juicy plums and cherry. Cranberry, raspberry lift. Ultra-concentration on palate, ink-deep. Good acidity. Tannins v tight.
QUINTA DA RAZA AVESSO 2021 DOC VINHO VERDE	Avesso	WHITE	Raymond Reynolds	85	Lifted, bold nose – blossom, inviting ripe peach and pear fruit. Prickly acidity cuts through ripe fruit frame. Delicious, easy drinking, round texture. Not the most complex example but delish.
QUINTA DAS CEREJEIRAS GRANDE RESERVA TINTO 2016 DOC ÓBIDOS	Castelão, Aragonez, Touriga Nacional	RED	Oakley Wine Agencies	85	Bright, intense red – lifted by a perpetual freshness. Lovely mature fruit, layers of spice and earthy texture. Medium bodied – chewy tannin.

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SÉGUR ESTATES SAGRADO RESERVA 2017 DOC DOURO	Old Vines, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz	RED	Portugalia Wines	85	Wholely together nose – spice, elegance, fruit. On the palate the fruit's ripe and lifting as much as it can. Unctuous, sunny palate. Chewy tannins and medium acid try to keep time. Lots to love.
SOGEVINUS SÃO LUIZ RESERVA WHITE 2020 DOC DOURO	50% Viosinho, 30% Arinto, 20% Folgazão	WHITE	Hayward Bros.	85	Layers of green sap and herbs make way for green plummy fruits and citrus peels on nose. A bit of barrel spice. Not under-ripe – just the vibe. Lovely mid-weight to the palate, well balanced from start to finish. Good concentration. Like!
HERDADE DOS GROUS MOON HARVESTED 2020 IGP ALENTEJANO	Alicante Bouschet	RED	Marta Vine	84	A fresher-fruited, intentionally slimmer profiled Alicante Bouschet. Some lifted red cherry bringing up the dense plum base. Chewy, bold tannins finish. Liquorice.
ADEGA DE FAVAIOS CASA VELHA TINTO 2019 DOC DOURO	Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca	RED	Marta Vine	82	Nice rich blackberry, damson fruit. A good layer of earthy spice within. Nice wine. Medium-bodied, soft acidity, medium chalky tannins. Great finish – lingers.
FAMILIA CARVALHO MARTINS GOLPE 2018 DOC DOURO	Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Francesa	RED		82	Really nice spice on nose – intensely concentrated fruit. Palate follows – bold, tense fruit and muscular tannin pulling at each other. Juicy delicious finish – a powerhouse wine that only lets up as you leave. Enthralling
JULIO B. BASTOS ALICANTE BOUSCHET 2015 DOC ALENTEJO	Alicante Bouschet	RED		82	Intense and concentrated, typicity of varietal. Balance beyond the usual here – acidity, ripe fruit and density all in harmony. Ripe black plums. A clean finish.
HERDADE DO MOUCHÃO MOUCHÃO 2014 DOC ALENTEJO	Alicante Bouschet & Trincadeira	RED	ABS Wine Agencies	82	Lovely aged nose – fruit holding up well. Maturity clear, but well held. Some baking-spice, ginger on top of mature berry, cherry, baked-plum fruits. Palate medium bodied, nice soft acid. Fruit drying on finish. Medium-intensity. Plummy fruits linger, ginger spice. Nice
QUINTA DO PARAL VINHAS VELHAS BRANCO 2018 DOC ALENTEJO	Antão Vaz & Perrum	WHITE	Propeller	82	Oak-influenced nose. Broad, ripe fruit holds it well. Palate is dry, full-bodied and round. Oak spice and vanilla sits atop the ripe, round fruits – good acid keeps it moving. Finish follows. Nice wine. Medium concentration. A festival of well-held-together nice oak and broad-shouldered fruit.

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PORTA DA RAVESSA RESERVA WHITE WINE 2019 IGP ALENTEJANO	Fernão Pires, Arinto, Verdelho	WHITE		80	Nice bright lime, citrus peels, juicy stone-fruit nose – layer of minerality. Palate medium-concentrated. Follows nose – tiny bitterness on finish.
QUINTA DA ALORNA VERDELHO 2021 DOC TEJO	Verdelho	WHITE	Alliance Wine	80	Nice perfume and white pepper spice on the nose. Lush layers of green fruits, ripe plum and nectarine. Palate is smooth and round – cut through with a lightning fresh acid. Clean, well balanced fruit – not too complex. Great juicy drinker!
QUINTA DA FONTE SOUTO WHITE 2019 DOC ALENTEJO	Arinto & Verdelho	WHITE	John E Fells & Sons	80	The nose leans on sunny, ripe fruit and buttery, vanilla spice. Palate brings rich structure. I like the interplay of that weight and the fresh acid. Nice juicy finish
MAGNUM CARLOS LUCAS VINHOS, RIBEIRO SANTO ENCRUZADO 2021 DOC DÃO	Encruzado	WHITE	Clark Foyster Wines	80	Nice aromatic lift, alongside the citrus tension and power on nose. Palate medium-bodied, prickly acidity, some flinty minerality on finish.
VALE DO HOMEM ALVARINHO 2021 DOC VINHO VERDE	Alvarinho	WHITE	Alliance Wine	80	Lovely juicy, bright nose. Ripe. Peach, Pear drops and passionfruit – really very bright. Violet aromatics give further lfit. Palate is juicy. Acidity fresh but swallowed by juicy fruit. Clean finish. Easy drinking – crowd pleasing.
VILA NOVA ALVARINHO 2021 IGP MINHO	Alvarinho	WHITE	Boutinot Wines	80	Ripe, generous fruit. A fruit-salad mix of juicy pear, white peach fruit. Medium bodied, nice balanced acidity. Easy drinking. Nice.
ADEGA PONTE DA BARCA ALVARINHO RESERVA DE SÓCIOS – EM CARVALHO 2019 IGP MINHO	Alvarinho	WHITE		79	Full, round-bodied Alvarinho. Subtle herbs sit on top of classic fruits, a weight of oak present on palate and hinted on nose. Spicy and rich textured.
ENSAIOS EXTREMES TINTA FRANCISCA 2018 DOC DOURO	100% Tinta Francisca	RED	Oakley Wine Agencies	79	Super pretty nose – power and intense fruit, but really nice, fresh-cut flower, bright spice alongside. Palate is medium-intense, medium bodied, round textured with a firm acidity, tannins chalky. A firm wine – not juicy – it's muscular and tense. Closed finish.

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GRAND`ARTE ALICANTE BOUSCHET RED 2017 IGP LISBOA	Alicante Bouschet	RED	Portugalia Wines	79	Super-dense, damson centred red. Nose is juicy and enticing. Palate is ripe-sweet and full bodied – good concentration.
JARDIM DE GRANITO ENCRUZADO 2019 DOC DÃO	100% Encruzado	WHITE		79	Nice mineral line throughout. Nose is v good. Tense, concentrated citrus and green fruit. Palate follows, medium-concentration, a bit soft in mid palate. Finish is clean and crisp.
OPTA DÃO ENCRUZADO 2021 DOC DÃO	Encruzado	WHITE	Oakley Wine Agencies	79	Lemon sherbet and juice leads nose. Crisp green fruit. Palate follows exactly – fresh acid. A lean, tense palate. Nice freshness and concentration.
POÇAS RESERVA TINTO 2018 DOC DOURO	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca	RED	Cachet Wines	79	Nice juicy black and red fruits on the nose. Palate has a sweet-ripe quality to the fruit – some maturity. Medium bodied, the tannins are dry and tense.
QUINTA DA LIXA, POUCO COMUM ALVARINHO 2021 DOC VINHO VERDE	100% Alvarinho	WHITE	Enotria & Coe	79	Clean, fresh nose. Nice fruit – a classic balance. Well put together.
QUINTA DE SÃO SEBASTIÃO TOURIGA NACIONAL 2019 IGP LISBOA	Touriga Nacional	RED		79	Nice wine. Ripe and concentrated. Black fruits, some baking spice. Intense structure – bold tannin. Fruit-driven.
QUINTA DO PORTAL GRANDE RESERVA 2019 DOC DOURO	Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca	RED	ABS Wine Agencies	78	Ripe, rich, round-textured, plum fruit. Generous and bold.
JOSE PITEIRA DOC TINTO 2018 DOC ALENTEJO	Moreto	RED	Oakley Wine Agencies	70	Medium bodied red. Dried fruit and the start off-dry, popcorn-ish maturity. Some dry spice. Dry tannins.