

## QUINTA DE COVELA

2016 Avesso

VINHO VERDE, PORTUGAL

The Wine Advocate, by Mark Squires, August 2017, # 232

90 POINTS

“The 2016 Avesso Edição Nacional “Covela” is a fine follow-up to the gorgeous 2015, although I personally liked the crispness on the 2015 a bit more. Still, this lacks little. It is showing fine depth (and perhaps more), reasonable freshness and a lovely finish. Combining that solid mid-palate with a fruity finish and some tension, it drinks beautifully. Impeccably balanced, it adds a refined feel with caressing texture. Drink it on the younger side, though. There were just 33,000 bottles produced in 2016, the brand’s fifth vintage.”

918621 (\$16)\*

\*This is not the current DABC price

## QUINTA DE COVELA

2017 Avesso

Vinho Verde, Portugal

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“The 2017 Avesso Edição Nacional “Covela” is very dry, with 1.4 grams of sugar and nearly 6.5 grams of total acidity. It comes in at 12.6% alcohol. Covela, due to demand, is now also purchasing some Avesso grapes. On paper, this has very good acidity. That follows through to perception too, finishing with a touch of tartness. The acidity is still pretty well integrated, not searing. Elegant, precise and nicely structured, it also has pretty good concentration. I'm not positive this is as good as last year's, but it sure looks like it just now. A couple of years in the cellar for both will answer the question more conclusively. There were 36,000 bottles produced.”

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## QUINTA DE COVELA

2016 Rose

VINHO REGIONAL MINHO, PORTUGAL

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90 POINTS

“The 2016 Rosé Quinta de Covela is all Touriga Nacional, very dry and coming in at 12.5% alcohol. The winery said that “[t]he vineyard practices were adjusted accordingly for rose production. Not a saignée wine, but rather made as a rosé, starting with the identification of the plot for earlier harvesting...” This is a fine pink and rather deep one, too. Round and relatively full-bodied, it is an excellent red substitute in warm weather. Fresh enough, but still with the concentration to hold up to food. There’s a slight fruity edge on the finish, but it finishes dry. This can last a couple years, but there is no reason to wait.”

918620 (\$20)\*

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2017 Rose

VINHO REGIONAL MINHO, PORTUGAL

The Wine Advocate, by Mark Squires, August 2018, #238

89 POINTS

"The 2017 Rosé Quinta de Covela is a Touriga Nacional that comes in very dry (6.6 grams of acidity and 1.5 grams of sugar) and at 12.6% alcohol. The aromatics are enticing. This has its fair share of power and rich fruit, but I'm not sure the components here are as well integrated as in some past years. By the time this article appears, the wine should be in better balance. It seems too rich at the moment. Given the amount of acidity here, I suspect that demeanor will change as this settles down.

There were 20,000 bottles produced."

918620 (\$20)\*

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# QUINTA DE GOMARIZ

2014 VINHO REGIONAL MINHO ALVARINHO

The Wine Advocate, by Mark Squires, June 2015, #219

88 POINTS

"The 2014 Alvarinho Colheita Seleccionada is an unoaked monovarietal with 4.5 grams per liter of residual sugar and 12.5% alcohol. Dry, with just a hint of spritz if you swirl a lot, this is a clean and slightly fruity Alvarinho with good focus and fine flavor on the finish. It is persistent, refreshing and very tasty. It is not the deepest or most concentrated Alvarinho, but at least in its youth, it won't disappoint. Drink it young and fresh for best results."

917412 (\$20)\*

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# QUINTA DE GOMARIZ

2015 VINHO REGIONAL MINHO ALVARINHO

Wine & Spirits Magazine, August 2016

88 POINTS

"With its warm flavors of baked apple and dried pear, this shows the ripe side of the 2015 season. The brisk acidity carries the mineral abrasion of granitic sand, giving a sense of power that suggests the wine should grow more expressive with a year or two in bottle."

917412 (\$20)\*

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# BAIRRADA

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## VADIO

2013 Tinto

Bairrada, Portugal

90 Points

Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2017

“This wine’s cool red fruit has a note of green fig to fill out the tannins, which close it off until it’s breathed a day’s worth of air. Then the bright, juicy flavors rush in, the tannins and fruit entwined, making this accessible now with decanting, and suited to a few years of bottle aging. “

(918802) \$20\*

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## VADIO

2015 Tinto

Bairrada, Portugal

88 Points

Wine Advocate, by Mark Squires, August 2018 - #238

“The 2015 Tinto is a Baga aged for 24 months in a mixture of used French (mostly) and American barriques. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. Elegant, lively and fresh, this is understated and lighter styled—Baga is not necessarily fat and sweet at any time, to be sure—but the fruit flavor is vivid. Beautifully done, its mid-palate finesse helps make this sunny red a perfect food wine. This is set for release in December.”

(918802) \$20\*

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# DOURO

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## 2012 OSCAR'S RED

D.O.C. Douro, Portugal

### 88 POINTS

Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 12/31/15

By Roger Voss

"This is a ripe and smooth wine, full of berry fruits and the lightest touch of tannins. It's juicy, with minerality and fine, long-lasting acidity. It's perfectly placed to go with pasta dishes. Drink this friendly wine now."

(\$12\*) 918182

\*This is not the current DABC price

## 2015 Oscar's Douro White

D.O.C. Douro, Portugal

### 88 POINTS

The Wine Advocate, April 2016, #224

By Mark Squires

"The 2015 Branco Oscar Quevedo is a roughly equal blend of Viosinho and Gouveio, with 5% Arinto. It is unoaked, dry, and comes in at 13% alcohol. This is beautiful this year, fresh, pure and balanced, with a nice crisp finish. IT is a serious overachiever, a fine bargain, too. It will be interesting to see if it holds itself together at peak performance over a few years. Wines at this level often don't. Most won't care. There is no real reason to wait. It's beautiful now"

(\$14\*) 918182

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## 2016 Oscar's Branco

D.O.C. Douro, Portugal

### 88 POINTS

The Wine Advocate, June 2017, #231

By Mark Squires

"The 2016 Oscar's Branco ("white" in English) is a roughly equal blend of Viosinho and Gouveio, with 5% Arinto. It is unoaked and comes in at 13% alcohol. This has a brand new label this year- it looks- but it is the same Oscar's. This is a nice and consistent bottling for the winery, showing fine tension on the finish, reasonable concentration for the price level and a touch of personality, some lime on the finish. Its fresh feel is very enticing at the moment and it is worth leaning up a little on it in its youth. IT does need to be drunk on the younger side, but if you do, you'll find it is a solid summer refresher at a nice price."

(\$16\*) 918182

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## 2013 Carlos Reynolds Tinto

Alentejo, Portugal

87 Points

The Wine Advocate, June 2015, # 219

"The 2013 Tinto Carlos Reynolds is an unoaked blend of 40% each of Aragonez and Trincadeira, plus 20% Alicante Bouschet. It is quite a nice bargain at anticipated street prices (and given its modest Portuguese price level of 3.5 euros at the winery). Fresh and friendly, even in a modest and difficult vintage, it seems to have reasonable depth for its level and a tasty conclusion. The modest structure means it will not likely age all that well, but it does have that nice fruit. It did fade with aeration, but it isn't meant to be a cellar candidate."

(\$18.00) 917969