

85 Vinhos Norte 2012 Cruzeiro (Vinho Verde). Medium dry with a creamy petillance that gives a lift of freshness, this wine is fragrant with green apples and citrus. Lively and fruity, it's ready to drink now. Value Vines LLC. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: 9% **Price:** \$9

85 Wines & Winemakers 2012 Azul Portugal Escolha (Vinho Verde). Crisp, dry and fruity, this wine has a light touch of citrus and fresh acidity. Fruity with a slight sparkle, it's an ideal apéritif. Iberia Wine & Spirits LLC. —R.V.
abv: 10.5% **Price:** \$11

DOURO RED WINES

95 Wine & Soul 2009 Pintas Character (Douro). From a great vintage in the Douro, this is a dark, closed, brooding wine. It has the richest texture, full of dark layers of black plums, chocolate, leather and followed by concentrated acidity. These elements are still combining to create a potentially serious, very age-worthy wine. Give it seven years and more. Winebow. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$40

94 Quinta da Romaneira 2009 Reserva (Douro). The Reserva takes the produce of the great terroir of Romaneira to another level. It's a wine of power, flavor intensity and a finely integrated structure. Rich black fruits combine with a dry core, acidity and the promise of long-term aging. Drink from 2017. Dionysos Imports Inc. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$63

94 Quinta de la Rosa 2010 La Rosa Reserva (Douro). Made from selected barrels, this reserve wine is serious, dark and dense. It's strongly influenced by the richness of the blackberry and dark plum fruit flavors that roll through the firm structure giving waves of richness. Keep this impressive wine and drink from 2018. Winesellers Ltd. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$50

94 Wine & Soul 2010 Pintas (Douro). Fermented in open stone lagars, this fine wine has a very rich character. It has a concentrated feel, smoothly ripe and very dense. Black plum fruit and skins are combined with intense wood and acidity to give a solidly based wine that needs at least 5-7 years. Winebow. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$100

93 Poças 2010 Símbolo (Douro). New wood aromas give this very fine wine a firm start in life. It also shows rich blackberry fruits, dark plums and a solid, tannic character. Dense and concentrated with a smooth surface hiding a much firmer core. A serious wine needing aging. HGC Imports. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$40

93 Quinta da Romaneira 2009 Red (Douro). From a great year in the Douro, this is a complex, impressive wine. It has elegance rather than brute power, pushed forward by smooth yet dry tannins and

ripe black fruits. A touch of spice, balanced acidity and a great potential for aging. Drink from 2016. Dionysos Imports Inc. *Cellar Selection.* —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$34

93 Quinta das Bandeiras 2010 Passagem Reserva (Douro). Made by the winemaking team of Quinta de la Rosa, this powerful and bold wine comes from vineyards up river in Douro Superior. It is full of dark, dense black fruits and concentrated tannins with brisk acidity on the finish. Drink from 2018. Wine-sellers Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$NA

93 Wine & Soul 2010 Quinta da Manoella VV (Douro). VV refers to the old vines that are at the heart of this impressive wine. It has great concentration both from the richly structured fruit and tannins. New wood comes through richly on this powerhouse of texture and density. Give the wine at least six years to mature. Winebow. —R.V.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$100

93 Wines & Winemakers 2009 Agula Moura em Vinhas Velhas Reserva (Douro). This is a smooth, impressively rich wine powered by silky tannins and ripe black fruits. The palate is intensely concentrated with a big, bold structure and a solid feel. It does need some aging, so drink from 2016. Iberia Wine & Spirits LLC. *Editors' Choice.* —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$18

92 José Maria da Fonseca 2010 Domini (Douro). For full review see page 81. *Cellar Selection.*
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$16

92 Quinta de la Rosa 2010 Red (Douro). This is a tannin-dominated wine that's dark and firm in style. It has the weight of juicy black fruit layered with acidity and a dry, wood-aged core with a strong, mineral profile. Drink from 2017. Winesellers Ltd. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$26

92 Wine & Soul 2010 Manoella (Douro). A big, powerful, fruity wine, this is laden with dry tannins as well as blackberry flavor. Dark and concentrated, it has a solid, dense feel with fruits layered with intense wood notes. It needs at least five years to soften and round out. Winebow. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$22

90 Quinta da Romaneira 2009 Sino da Romaneira (Douro). This is firm and tannic, while still bringing forward black fruits and creamy wood notes. The second wine of Quinta da Romaneira, it's both an elegant and solid expression of ripe fruit, round tannins and refreshing acidity. Drink from 2014. Dionysos Imports Inc. —R.V.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$22

90 Quinta de Malho 2011 Quinta Beira Douro (Douro). Perfumed with new wood, this is a very rich and concentrated wine. The tannins are dominant—coming from both the grapes and the firm extraction—giving the wine a bitter chocolate and pepper

character. It's a firm wine that needs to age over another 4-5 years. LVDH USA Inc. —R.V.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$55

89 Poças 2010 Reserva (Douro). Already accessible, this rich wine has fine tannins, ripe blackberry fruit and a dry core. Acidity and juicy fruitiness play well together, giving a solid, firm wine that could age well. Drink until 2018. HGC Imports. —R.V.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$28

89 Quinta da Romaneira 2010 Red (Douro). Surprisingly advanced, this is a soft, rounded, fruity wine. The tannins play a supporting role, buoying red fruits, ripe black currants and an elegant structure. Drink from 2014. Dionysos Imports Inc. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$34

88 Quinta da Romaneira 2010 Red (Douro). Made from 100% Touriga Nacional grapes, this wine is very perfumed and fruity while also structured. It is still young, showing its tannins and acidity as much as its berry fruits. It is not for long-term aging, so drink from 2015. Dionysos Imports Inc. —R.V.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$34

88 Quinta da Romaneira 2010 Sino da Romaneira (Douro). Earthy yet fruity, this second wine from Romaneira is delicately textured, full of red fruit and soft tannins, and ready to drink. There's a fine flourish of acidity on the finish. Dionysos Imports Inc. —R.V.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$22

88 Quinta do Portal 2011 Mural (Douro). Solid and firm while also fruity, this is a ripe and full-bodied wine. It has a silky texture, sweet tannins and finely concentrated blackberry and red-plum flavors. It can hold for a few years, but it's ready to drink now. M Imports, LLC. *Best Buy.* —R.V.
abv: NA **Price:** \$10

87 Quinta de Malho 2011 Red (Douro). Big, rich, spicy wood and black-plum fruits delineate this complex and powerful wine from a vineyard in the Torto valley. The palate is dense and full of ripe fruit—perhaps too ripe for its own good. A huge mouthful of wine. LVDH USA Inc. —R.V.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$55

LISBOA RED WINES

93 Quinta do Pinto 2010 Touriga Nacional (Lisboa). For full review see page 80. *Cellar Selection.*
abv: 14% **Price:** \$23

92 DFJ Vinhos 2009 Francos Reserva (Lisboa). For full review see page 80. *Cellar Selection.*
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$20

92 Quinta do Pinto 2011 Estate Collection (Lisboa). This is a solid and dark wine, full of black fruits and dense tannins. It has weight and rich-