



QUINTA DO NOVAL

FINE PORTS SINCE 1715



## 20 Year Old Tawny Port Non-Vintage

### Douro Valley, Portugal

#### ESTATE

One of the oldest port houses, Quinta do Noval is also arguably the greatest. It is unique among top port houses in that most of the ports are made from estate-grown fruit and, notably, all of the vintage Noval wines are from the single Quinta do Noval vineyard.

#### WINE

Noval 20 year old Tawny is a blend of old Ports from different vintages that have matured in oak casks, with an average age of 20 years. Irresistible freshness with all the complexity of age. Harmonious and balanced, fine, elegant and long, with all the aromatic complexity typical of Noval Tawny Ports.

#### VINEYARD

The 20 Year Old Tawny comes 100% from estate-grown grapes, again a vineyard-based approach that is rare in the region.

*Farming:* These vineyards are farmed sustainably.

*Grape Varieties:* Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca are the major grape varieties in the blend because these higher quality varieties are what is planted throughout the vineyard due to the major re-planting project of the early 1990s. At this age, the fruit at the estate is entering the prime of quality.

#### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* The grapes are all trodden by foot in the lagares at Quinta do Noval, a traditional, costly and rare approach.

*Aging:* The wines used for the blends have an average age of 20 years and were aged in old oak barrels of 640 liters.

#### TASTING NOTE

The wine displays classic Tawny color, with golden highlights, and an ethereal bouquet, typical of Noval Tawny ports. Elegant, velvety and concentrated on the palate, it has an attractive, complex, and lingering finish. After the 10 Year Old, it shows increasing characteristics of nuts, dried fruits and spices, as well as increasing complexity.

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#### WINE SPECTATOR

"This is a shade darker and richer than its peers, with warm toffee, hazelnut cream, roasted vanilla, cinnamon and walnut husk leading the way, backed by halva, pistachio oil and dried fig details. Lush through the finish, with the walnut hint lingering long enough for all the elements to fall in line. An exotic tawny."