



Reviews & Accolades

QUINTA DO VESUVIO 2016

WINE SPECTATOR

Gillian Sciaretta, February 2019

94 Points

This full-bodied red is brimming with raspberry, crushed red plum and currant flavors that are fresh and appealing. Rich undertones of licorice and baker's chocolate are matched to mineral, violet and baking spice accents through the rich finish. Should cellar nicely. Best from 2022 through 203. 800 cases made.

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Roger Voss, January 2019

94 Points

Better known for its Ports, this stunning upper Douro quinta also makes small amounts of still wine. This wine is every bit as fine in its way as the Ports, rich in structure, tannins and ripe fruits. The wine's fruitiness is still so young, and it will age well. Drink this very fine wine from 2023.

WINE ADVOCATE

Mark Squires, December 2018

95 Points

The 2016 Tinto (Quinta do Vesuvio), the Estate red, is a blend of 56% Touriga Nacional, 40% Touriga Franca and a dollop of Tinta Amarela aged for 18 months in French oak (80% new). It comes in at 14% alcohol. If you're comparing the high end from Symington-related labels this issue, this is very different from the Chryseia (under Prats & Symington). Here, you get a more muscular and concentrated wine. Here, there is more of an edge and a need for cellaring. Packed with plums and black cherries, it also has a darker and much richer flavor profile – there's a relatively warm feel here – than Chryseia, less elegance but more intensity in terms of both structure and fruit. To me, this sumptuous red is the better wine with a higher upside potential, although it certainly has some things to prove in the cellar. Some six hours later, it was still a little aggressive but just packed with fruit and flavor. This needs a few years (at least) to come around. Let's start here in evaluation, but this looks impressive. There were just 16,900 bottles produced, plus some large-format bottles.