



QUINTA
DO
VALE MEÃO



Decanter

50 STAR BUYS OF 2015

January 2016

Italy

Poggiotondo, Vigna delle Conchiglie Riserva, Chianti, Tuscany 2011
£48-£50 Exel Wines, Liberty Wines, Slurp, Winedirect
Floral, cherry and earthy fruit with firm tannins – quite punchy. An endearing Chianti that should be one of the stars of the region. **Drink 2016-2022**
Alc 14%

New Zealand
Man O' War, Dreadnought Syrah, Waiheke Island 2012

£34 Carruthers & Kent, Must Wines, The New Zealand Cellar, Oxford Wine Co, Swig
Black pepper, hints of violets and warm earth. Juicy and tangy palate with fine, firm tannins and some toasty oak. Still young and self-contained with lots of potential still to emerge. **Drink 2016-2028**
Alc 14%

New Zealand
Man O' War, Dreadnought Syrah, Waiheke Island 2013

£35-£36 Carruthers & Kent, Exel Wines, New Generation Wines, The New Zealand Cellar, Swig
Dark fruit, charred tones, some leathery tannins and bacon notes. The palate has lots of black fruit with a touch of mint; complex and classy with a black pepper finish. **Drink 2016-2029**
Alc 14.5%

Portugal

Niepoort, Charme, Douro 2012
£59.95 Bottle Apostle, Corks of Cotham, Fortnum & Mason, Handford, Highbury Vintners, Raymond Reynolds, Wadebridge Wines, Woodwinters
Coffee and caramel aromas lead on to a palate of dark cherry, plum and liquorice with a faint floral hint. Medium bodied with juicy fruits and firm tannins. Finishes a bit rustic with peppery spice. **Drink 2016-2019**
Alc 14%



Portugal

Prats & Symington, Chryseia, Douro 2012
£50-£60 Berry Bros & Rudd, Davy's, Fortnum & Mason, Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Hedonism
Lovely, ripe dark berries with black pepper, bacon, violets and powerful tannins. Quite savoury and forceful in style with a rustic, complex finish. **Drink 2016-2025**
Alc 14%

Portugal

Quinta do Vale Meão, Douro 2012
£59.95 Corks of Cotham, D Byrne & Co, Harvey Nichols, Hanford, Hedonism, Highbury Vintners, Lockett Bros, Raymond Reynolds, Uncorked, Woodwinters
A vibrant nose of floral, high-toned, slightly raisined fruit. Decent palate weight – but not overloaded – with a fine, peppery structure and a savoury finish. **Drink 2016-2023**
Alc 14%

Portugal

Quinta do Vesuvio, Port, Douro 1994
£60-£91.90 Berry Bros & Rudd, Bordeaux Index, Christopher Piper, Handford Wines, Justerini & Brooks, Private Cellar, Tanners, The Wine Society
Beautiful peppery aromas of prunes, plums, graphite and muscovado sugar. Unctuous and full of life, lifted by cherry and tobacco. Balanced and maturing with a bittersweet finish. **Drink 2016-2045**
Alc 20%

Portugal

Quinta Vale Dona Maria, Curriculum Vitae, Douro 2012
£51.45 Corney & Barrow
Upfront, floral, creamy and plush dark fruit – seems quite modern in style. The juicy palate has a spicy, tarry character and fine powdery tannins. Quite savoury with good acidity. **Drink 2016-2022**
Alc 14.5% >

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