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Quinta do Vale Meão

2014 Douro



The 2014 Tinto, the Estate flagship red, is a blend of 55% Touriga Nacional, 35% Touriga Franca, and 5% each of Tinta Roriz and Tinta Barroca, aged for 16 months in French barriques. It comes in at 14.7% alcohol...Bottled a month or so later than normal (because they were awaiting a new Amorim cork guaranteed to be TCA-free), this is rather gorgeous. In many ways, it seems rounder and softer than the Meandro, its second label sibling this issue, but the finish is longer, the flavors are more lifted and it has that old-school mid-palate finesse. It adds caressing texture, too, and then tightens a bit on the finish...This is fabled terroir and certainly one of the better 2014s. – M.S.