

## Kim Marcus' Recommended Wines From Portugal

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### TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>QUINTA DO CRASTO</b> Douro Vinha da Ponte 2007 Very rich and balanced, with a deep well of dark plum, kirsch and spiced cherry joined by decadent Asian spice and mocha. There's plenty of grip on the finish, which lingers with cocoa and cream.	96	\$155
<b>QUINTA DO VALLADO</b> Douro Reserva 2007 Finely crafted, this powerful red delivers layers of concentrated red plum, currant, blueberry and kirsch flavors, seamlessly knitted together by silky tannins. The elegant finish features mineral, smoke and spice.	96	\$65
<b>QUINTA DO CRASTO</b> Douro Vinha Maria Teresa 2007 Very creamy, ripe and rich, with a mouthwatering array of kirsch, raspberry tart and dark plum flavors. The finish is powered by dark chocolate, white pepper and plenty of fresh acidity. Hard to resist.	95	\$159
<b>QUINTA DO NOVAL</b> Douro 2007 Displays intense aromas of red plum and dark cherry, with finely chiseled flavors to match that are joined by briary notes and hints of mint, savory herb and Asian spice. An elegant red.	95	\$75
<b>QUINTA DO VALE MEÃO</b> Douro 2007 Concentrated flavors of dark plum, Asian spice, roasted meats and dark chocolate are backed up by fine acidity. The rich finish shows notes of dark chocolate, mocha and cream.	95	\$77
<b>CARM</b> Douro Reserva 2007 Elegant and powerful, with intense aromas and flavors of red berry, smoke, raspberry and spice. Very Burgundian in style.	94	\$27
<b>POEIRA</b> Douro 2007 A strong mineral band cuts through the dark plum and blackberry flavors, showing plenty of elegance as well, with fresh acidity.	94	\$41
<b>QUINTA DA ROMANEIRA</b> Douro 2007 Offers a refined mix of meat, spice and fruit flavors that are seamlessly woven together, with plenty of Asian spice notes.	94	\$52
<b>QUINTA DO VALLADO</b> Touriga Nacional Douro 2007 Dense flavors of wild plum, meat, kirsch and tobacco leaf fill this powerful red, with fine-grained tannins on the finish.	94	\$60
<b>QUINTA DO VESUVIO</b> Douro 2007 This full-bodied red oozes with kirsch, dark plum and cherry flavors flanked by dark chocolate, bourbon and tobacco leaf.	94	\$75
<b>VINHAS DE CIDERMA</b> Douro Reserva 2004 A suave red, with rich, ripe flavors of kirsch, dark plum, mocha and spice. There's fine balance between the fruit and spice.	93	\$42
<b>QUINTA DO CRASTO</b> Douro Reserva Old Vines 2007 Offers a complex array of red and dark fruit flavors, with blueberry, kirsch, dark plum and dark cherry. Very plush midpalate.	93	\$48
<b>LEMOS &amp; VAN ZELLER</b> Douro Quinta Vale D. Maria 2007 An elegant, finely crafted red, with bright raspberry and red plum flavors, accented by sandalwood and Asian spice.	93	\$51
<b>PRATS &amp; SYMINGTON</b> Douro Chryseia 2007 Pure and brambly, showing fresh raspberry and plum aromas, with flavors to match. This has a well-defined mineral essence.	93	\$70
<b>QUINTA DO VALLADO</b> Douro 2007 This powerful and refined red delivers concentrated flavors of plum, dried cherry and spice, with savory herbal notes.	93	\$19



### PORTUGAL'S LEADING WINE REGIONS

**Vinho Verde** Light, sometimes fizzy whites dominate, based on grapes such as Loureiro, Arinto and Trajadura

**Douro** Home of Port production and the bulk of high quality red table wines

**Dão** Overlooked region that is beginning to establish a reputation for well-priced reds based on Touriga Nacional

**Bairrada** Baga is the principal grape, producing wines of high natural acidity

**Lisboa** Known as Estremadura until 2009; planted to both international varieties and native Portuguese grapes

**Alentejo** Rolling landscape increasingly being planted to vineyards

### TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>ENCOSTAS DO DOURO</b> Douro Palestra 2007 A full-bodied red, with spicy and creamy notes that top a deep well of dark plum, raspberry and blueberry flavors.	91	\$10
<b>CARM</b> Douro Quinta do Côa 2007 A plush red, with a pretty array of raspberry and plum flavors that are supple and supported by medium-grained tannins.	91	\$18
<b>SOGRAPE</b> Dão Callabriga 2007 Rich and fruity, showing dark plum, chocolate and blackberry flavors.	89	\$13
<b>VINHOS DOURO SUPERIOR</b> Douro Castello d'Alba 2007 A suave red, with red fruit and berry flavors and bright mineral notes.	89	\$10
<b>GOANVI</b> Estremadura Castelo do Sulco Reserva 2007 Well-balanced, showing red fruit, blueberry and wild plum flavors.	88	\$10
<b>AVELEDA</b> Douro Charamba 2007 A mineral-infused red, with red fruit flavors and refined spicy notes.	88	\$8
<b>CAVES SÃO JOÃO</b> Bairrada Frei João 2006 A rich, meaty aroma leads to flavors of plum, dried cherry and anise.	87	\$11
<b>SOCIEDADE AGRÍCOLA PINHAL DA TORRE</b> Fernão Pires Ribatejo Quinta do Alqueve 2008 An aromatic white, with nectarine, melon and pineapple flavors.	87	\$11
<b>CASA SANTOS LIMA</b> Estremadura Quinta de Bons-Ventos 2007 This shows a lively mix of red fruit and sweet spice flavors.	87	\$9
<b>HERDADE DO ESPORÃO</b> Alentejo Monte Velho White 2008 This medium-bodied white shows delicate peach and melon flavors.	86	\$10
<b>SYMINGTON FAMILY</b> Douro Altano 2007 Red berry, plum and pepper flavors dominate this medium-bodied red.	85	\$8
<b>COOPERATIVA REGUENGOS DE MONSARAZ</b> Reguengos 2007 Currant, plum and raspberry flavors are well-defined, with crisp acidity.	85	\$8
<b>JOSÉ MARIA DA FONSECA</b> Vinho Verde Twin Vines 2008 Minerally, with citrus and sea salt flavors that are crisp and fresh.	85	\$9
<b>CASAL BRANCO</b> Ribatejo Quinta White 2008 Crisp and clean, with plenty of citrus flavors and some floral notes.	85	\$9