



QUINTA DO VALE MEÃO Douro Meandro Tinto 2018



90 POINTS

“ The 2018 Meandro do Vale Meão is a blend of 45% Touriga Nacional, 30% Touriga Franca, 20% Tinta Roriz and dollops of Tinta Barroca and Alicante Bouschet for the rest, all aged for 14 months in used French oak. It comes in at 14.1% alcohol. This is often a can't-miss bargain in Douro, and that seems true again this year. Textured with velvet, concentrated and able to coat the palate, it does everything well. It is not a star in terms of structure—the tannins are ripe and you can drink it now—but everything else works great. It should still hold well for the rest of the decade, more or less. It did thin a bit with extended aeration, but nothing went seriously awry. As approachable as this is, allowing this to have at least six more months in the bottle would allow it to develop more. At the price point, there can't be much to complain about.

- Mark Squires, December 2020



About Wine Advocate

Robert Parker founded his bi-monthly newsletter, The Wine Advocate, in 1978. Since then he has come to be called "the most influential wine writer in the world today." In 2001 he launched eRobertParker.com. His team of Wine Advocates now comprehensively covers the world of fine wines in a way that no one person can any longer do. Parker continues to review the great wines of Bordeaux and Northern California and acts as a critic-at-large conducting vertical tastings and horizontal tastings of older vintages of California and elsewhere.

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