

DUAS QUINTAS RESERVA BRANCO 2017

WINE ENTHUSIAST

91 pts.

This wine is rich, layered with wood, spice and intense white fruits. Dense and powerful, at times it overwhelms with its ripeness. However, the crisp acidity that shoots through redeems and lifts the wine. Drink from 2019. *February 2019*

WINE ADVOCATE

90 pts.

The 2017 Duas Quintas Reserva Branco is mostly Rabigato, with Arinto and Viosinho filling out the last 14% of the blend. It was 10% aged in new wood, 15% in used wood (almost all French) and 75% in stainless steel. It comes in at 14% alcohol. As noted in my first look at this Branco, it adds volume to the unoaked white, but it happily maintains most of its freshness. Why trade up? The styles certainly differ, which is the best reason, but this Reserva was 75% aged in stainless steel; it's hardly a heavily oaked wine. It has reasonable purity. This evolved beautifully as it aired out and warmed up, though, flexing its muscles and showing a bit more intensity, notably more concentration and more power. The regular Branco makes a nice statement as well, relying on its freshness and purity, but this Reserva increasingly looks like the winner. Did I mention that it's pretty delicious? *December 2018*

DUAS QUINTAS RESERVA expresses the strength and complexity of the Upper Douro and the excellence and elegance of Ramos Pinto wines. The balance of the blend is achieved using wines from two estates, Ervamoira and Bons Ares, located at a low (200 m) and a high (600 m) altitude, with schist and granite soils, respectively.

The grapes are harvested by hand and taken to the winery in small crates, separated according to variety and plot; the must is obtained by direct pressing, following cold maceration. The clean must ferments in stainless steel vats (75%) and in French and Austrian oak barrels (25%) of various capacities where, after turning into wine, it ages for 9 months on fine lees. This wine was bottled in May 2018.

86% Rabigato
7% Arinto
7% Viosinho

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Mark Squires | *The Wine Advocate*



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