



2013 Joao Nicolau de Almeida & Filhos Quinta do Monte Xisto

Rating:	Price (\$)	Drink Date
92	\$80	2017 - 2030
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The 2013 Quinta do Monte Xisto red, the Estate Tinto, is a 60/35 blend of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Francesca, with a dollop of Sousão; aged for 18 months in 600-liter barrels (30% new). It comes in at 14% alcohol. Wonderfully refined and graceful, this is all about the finesse in the mid-palate, but it adds considerable pop on the finish. The backbone is real, but the tannins are controlled. The oak shows a bit too much just now, but it should easily integrate in time. The mid-palate does sometimes seem a bit modest as it receives extended aeration. At the moment, the structure is well ahead of the fruit, so this does have a thing or two to prove in the cellar. It should become more expressive and complex, but let's be a bit conservative just now.

Producer: Joao Nicolau de Almeida & Filhos

From: Portugal , Douro

Color: Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Proprietary Blend