

The 50 Great Portuguese Wines are Revealed!

After much hype and anticipation, Tom Cannavan's 50 Great Portuguese wines selection was unveiled on the 6th June at 11pm, in London at the Portuguese Ambassador's Residence in Belgrave Square.

Fabulous day; Excellent wines; Especially intriguing whites – just some of the comments received on twitter during the tasting. Download the full list from facebook: 'we love Portuguese wines' (and see below).

"This event aims to promote Portuguese wines in a more premium sector in a market where 10 years ago a few people really believed that Portugal could produce top quality wines. This selection of 50 wine, that is now in its seventh year, was this year selected by Tom Cannavan and demonstrates the fantastic potential that Portugal has to produce world class wines". Says Tania Oliveira, Area Manager UK

The first generic to use QR codes on its tasting brochure and on the individual wines gave visitors the opportunity to scan the code, send requests for information direct to the producers, give feedback about the tasting and request a copy of the tasting brochure. Once again reaffirming ViniPortugal's position as being at the forefront of social media.

Tom was crowned ViniPortugal's Journalist of the year 2010 and since then he has tasted his way around Portugal to find his ultimate top 50 wines.

Tom says *"From the crisp and mineral white wines of the verdant north, to the sultry reds of the Mediterranean south, Portugal's long, thin strip of coast and country can produce the whole gamut of wine styles. Combine that with a stock-pot of indigenous old vines and a wine industry that is rushing to improve those whilst exploring new – and sometimes surprising – directions, and Portugal's relevance and fascination for the wine lover is assured."*

The list has been under wraps until now, but the exciting line up of new and classic wines makes it well worth the wait.

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The complete list of 50 Great Portuguese Wines is as follows

Julia Kemper Reserva, White, 2009, Dão, Julia Kemper

Casa de Mouraz, White, 2009, Dão, Casa de Mouraz

Castus, White, 2009, Vinho Verde, Quintas de Melgaço

Alvarinho Dorado Superior, White, 2008, Vinho Verde, Quinta do Feital

Arenae Colares Malvasia, White, 2006, Colares, Adega Regional de Colares

Nossa, White, 2009, Vinho Regional Beiras, Filipa Pato

Palpite, White, 2008, Alentejo, Fita Preta

Herdade dos Grous Reserva, White, 2010, Alentejo, Herdade dos Grous

Private Selection, White, 2009, Alentejo, Esporao

Quinta dos Carvalhais Colheita Seleccionada, White, 2006, Dão, Sogrape

Alves de Sousa Reserva Pessoal, White, 2005, Douro, Alves de Sousa

Quinta Sant'ana Riesling, White, 2009, Lisboa, Quinta Sant'ana

Valle Pradinhos, White, 2009, Trás-os-Montes, Valle Pradinhos

Vinhas da Ira, Red, 2006, Alentejo, Henrique Uva

Quinta Dona Maria Reserva, Red, 2006, Alentejo, Quinta Dona Maria

Pera Manca, Red, 2007, Alentejo, Fundação Engénio de Almeida

Terrenus Reserva, Red, 2007, Alentejo, Terrenus

Scala Coelli, Red, 2007, Alentejo, Fundação Engénio de Almeida

Mouchão, Red, 2006, Alentejo, Mouchão

Solar dos Lobos Grande Escolha, Red, 2008, Alentejo, Silveira e Outro

Marias da Malhadinha, Red, 2007, Alentejo, Herdade da Malhadinha Nova

Quinta do Francês, Red, 2008, Algarve, Quinta do Francês

BTT, Red, 2009, Vinho Regional Beiras, Luís Pato

Quinta das Bageiras Garrafeira, Red, 2001, Bairrada, Quinta das Bageiras

Quinta dos Termos Selecção, Red, 2007, Beira Interior, Quinta dos Termos

Quinta dos Roques Touriga Nacional, Red, 2008, Dão, Quinta dos Roques

Quinta do Lemos White Label, Red, 2007, Dão, Quinta do Lemos

Munda Touriga Nacional, Red, 2008, Dão, Fontes da Cunha

Quinta da Falorca Lagar Reserva, Red, 2004, Dão, Sociedade Agrícola de Silgueiros

Cabriz Reserva, Red, 2008, Dão, Dão Sul

Quinta do Corujão Reserva, Red, 2007, Dão, Quinta do Corujão

Meruge, Red, 2008, Douro, Lavradores de Feitoria

Adelaide, Red, 2008, Douro, Quinta do Vallado

Poeira, Red, 2008, Douro, Jorge Nobre Moreira

Batuta, Red, 2008, Douro, Niepoort

Chryseia, Red, 2008, Douro, Prats & Symington

Quinta do Portal Touriga Nacional, Red, 2009, Douro, Quinta do Portal

Quinta do Noval, Red, 2008, Douro, Quinta do Noval

Quinta da Romaneira Reserva, Red, 2008, Douro, Quinta da Romaneira

Pintas, Red, 2008, Douro, Wine & Soul

Quinta do Vale Meão, Red, 2008, Douro, Quinta do Vale Meão

Quinta de Tecedeiras Reserva, Red, 2008, Douro, Dão Sul

Quinta do Infantado Reserva, Red, 2008, Douro, Quinta do Infantado

Afros Vinhão, Red, 2009, Vinho Verde, Afros

Hexagon, Red, 2007, Península de Setúbal, José Maria da Fonseca

Vale da Mata Reserva, Red, 2007, Lisboa, Vale da Mata

Vale D'Algaes Selection, Red, 2008, Tejo, Quatro Âncoras SA

Dúvida, Red, 2005, Península de Setúbal, António Saramago Vinhos, Lda

Quinta do Ameal Special Harvest, Sweet, 2007, Vinho Regional Minho, Quinta do Ameal

Moscatel de Setúbal Superior 10 Years, Sweet, Península de Setúbal, Horácio dos Reis Simões

Notes to Editor

50 Great Portuguese Wines Tasting 2011

London - Monday 6th June- Portuguese Ambassadors Residence, 12 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PN

Edinburgh - Wednesday 8th June at the Balmoral Hotel, 1 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2EQ

50 Great Portuguese Wines Video - <http://www.vimeo.com/24375519>

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