

## Quinta do Noval Vintage 2018

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**97-98+/100**

**Greg Sherwood  
MW**

June 20, 2020

**Gregsherwoodmw.com**

[...] **Another block buster from this tiny but awesome vintage.** If Vintage Port is your weakness, this ones going to blow you away! **Noval's ongoing high quality vintage run continues.**

**97/100**

**Jamie Goode**  
June 27, 2020

**WineAnorak.com**

[...] This has a fresh, slightly minty palate with focused, linear black fruits, showing good structure and density. There are some savoury, tarry, olive and herb notes here, providing a good counter to the sweet, linear fruit. **Serious stuff with good potential for long ageing: this is pretty structured, but it also has lovely fruit and nice sweetness.**

**96/100**

**Roger Voss**  
August 2020

**Wine Enthusiast  
Cellar Selection.**

**96/100**

**Tom Cannavan**  
September 7, 2020

**Wine-pages.com**

[...]Just superb in the mouth. The gloss and the weight of the black fruit is fabulous - silk and satin, but the cocoa and damson depth is given additional luminescence by a sweet confiture blueberry, before the suede-like, very fine tannins wrap themselves around the finish, the juicy acidity already very well integrated. **This is a sensuous and fully-realised young Port, surely with decades ahead of it.**

**95+/100**

**Mark Squires**  
September 10,  
2020

**Robertparker.com**

Simply gorgeous, this is aromatic, chock-full of flavor and wholly delicious—but that's just the starting point. It has a serious backbone too, perfectly countered by the mid-palate depth. **More than lovely, it might well be my favorite of the 2018s I've seen thus far, if I were forced to pick just one.** It is surprisingly accessible, in a way, but that's because the mid-palate soaks up the power. It was certainly still vibrant days later. [...]

**95/100**

**Neal Martin**  
June 24, 2020

**Vinous.com**

The 2018 Quinta do Noval is exuberant and calls out for attention on the nose: black plums, sage, cloves and potent scents of fireside hearth. **Lovely definition here and very focused.** The palate is medium-bodied with finely chiseled tannins, smooth and disarmingly harmonious. It fans out with confidence and delivers Oriental spices, hoisin, tobacco and black pepper on the very persistent finish. **This is a superb Quinta do Noval.**

**19/20**

**Richard Mayson**  
June 5, 2020

**Richardmayson.com**

[...] lovely super-ripe blackberry / cassis fruit initially, wonderful freshness, vitality and verve, backed by broad, ripe tannins and a long powerful finish. **This has it all!**

**19/20**

**Fernando Melo**  
October 11, 2020

**Evasoes.pt**

[...] Evolui para uma dualidade atraente, entre notas de rebuçado concentrado e impressões terrosas de cogumelos frescos. **Taninos incrivelmente finos, vinho indestrutível, cheio de futuro.**



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**18,5/20**

**Nuno Oliveira  
Garcia**  
July 2020

### **Grandes Escolhas**

[...] Um Noval que mantém o carácter e a certeza de longevidade, mas a permitir que nos aproximemos deles desde já. **Fantástico!**

**17,5/20**

**Manuel Moreira**  
September 2020

### **Revista de Vinhos**

Fruta Madura, elegância e finesse, chocolate negro. Taninos de calibre elevado, impressão de frescura e secura a contradizer a madurez do aroma. Profundo e ainda muito jovem.

**Sarah Ahmed**  
July 13, 2020

### **Thewinedetective.co.uk**

A tight, sooty, mineral nose and attack, with a plume of powdery tannins. Sturdy, tightly coiled, with bitter chocolate and fleeting glimpses of blackberry and violets, making for an emphatically mineral-tasting palate. An hour later, opening up a touch, blackcurrant, mulberry, blackberry, violets peek through, with citrus hints – orange blossom/peel and grapefruit oil – to the back palate. On day two, it has moved into a different gear. Parrying tannin and acidity animate the palate – a vigorous swirl of chocolate and liquorice-edged plum and red and black berry and currant fruits, with violets, orange blossom and grapefruit peel lift. It finishes long, spicy, very deep, with lashings of fine, fine cocoa tannins, minerals and spice – great sense of tip-to-toe dry extract.

