

# QUINTA DO NOVAL

The astonishing terraced vineyards of Noval, perched above the Douro and Pinhao rivers, are an infertile schist, and not soil as much as sheer rock.



## Cedro do Noval VR Duriense 2016

Vinho Regional Duriense, Portugal

### ESTATE

One of the oldest port houses, Quinta do Noval is also arguably the greatest. It is unique among top port houses in that most of the ports are made from estate-grown fruit and, notably, all the vintage Noval wines are from the single Quinta do Noval vineyard. Noval is mentioned in land registries going back to 1715, and has been sold just twice in that time, once in the late 19th century, and to its present owners in 1993. Noval has, however, a reputation for being an innovative, independent producer. Noval is distinguished by dedicated focus to its vineyard and estate ports.

### WINE

Named after the emblematic cedar tree that dominates the terrace of Quinta do Noval, Cedro do Noval is an authentic expression of the Douro. Principally made up of classic Portuguese varieties, it also contains a proportion of Syrah, which rounds out the fruit and gives the wine enormous charm and accessibility in an authentically Douro style.

### VINEYARD

Noval's dry table wines are from specially selected parcels of new and mature vines around the spectacular estate, and blended from four classic port varieties: Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cão, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz. True to its long history of continuous innovation, Noval has also been among the first to experiment with Rhone varieties in the Douro, with Syrah from estate plantings being blended into the Cedro do Noval.

### WINEMAKING

*Variety:* 55 % Touriga Nacional, 25 % Syrah, 15 % Touriga Franca, 5 % Tinto Cão.

*Fermentation:* Vinified in stainless steel vats for 7 days, where it then undergoes malolactic fermentation.

*Aging:* 10 months in French oak barrels, 12 % in new barrels.

*Alcohol:* 14.0%

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## Wine Spectator

*"Cherry and boysenberry notes are interwoven with floral, cassis and cedar details in this elegant, concentrated red, with mineral elements lingering into the plush finish. Touriga Franca, Syrah, Touriga Franca, Tinta Cão and Donzelinho Tinto."*

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James Suckling