do Noval, Nacional

Quinta

PRODUCER
Quinta

REGION
Rest of world

WHERE
Pinhão, Douro Valley, Portugal

CLASSIFICATION
Vintage Port

VINTAGE AND SIZE
1963 · 12 x 75cl REPACK

About Quinta

Quinta do Noval is one of the great estates of the Douro Valley, its terraced vineyards rising steeply above the Pinhão river. Unlike most Port houses, which blend from many sources, Noval is built around a single property, and its vintage Ports come from its own vineyards. It has been owned since 1993 by the insurance group AXA.

Noval is best known for Nacional, made from a small plot of ungrafted vines that survived phylloxera, and for its classic Quinta do Noval Vintage Port. Its vintage Ports are structured and long-lived, and Nacional in particular is among the rarest and most sought-after wines of Portugal.

About do Noval, Nacional

Nacional comes from a small parcel of ungrafted vines on the Quinta do Noval estate, planted on their own roots rather than on phylloxera-resistant rootstock. Made only in exceptional years and in tiny quantities, it is an intensely concentrated, firmly structured vintage Port of great depth. It is extraordinarily long-lived and usually needs several decades to reach its peak.

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