



"The house of Delaforce is a long-time specialist in tawny Ports, and Colheitas in particular. Along with Niepoort, it is one of the two Port houses most famous for these wines... Delaforce's wines typically have a delicacy that's particularly complimentary to the tawny style." – Mary Ewing-Mulligan



DELAFORCE

PORTUGAL

For more than 175 years members of the Delaforce family have been associated with excellent fortified wines from Portugal's internationally-celebrated Douro Valley. Now greatly expanding the philosophical bent of the firm, David Delaforce heads up an unfortified wine project with grapes from two of Real Companhia Velha's finest vineyards, Aciprestes and Cidrô. The project showcases **Touriga Nacional** and **Cabernet Sauvignon**. This facet of the Delaforce portfolio includes a single-vineyard premium red blend, a ripe and luscious Touriga Nacional, and the ground-breaking "Super-Douro" blend of Touriga Nacional and Cabernet Sauvignon. A vibrant Alvarinho bottling balances out the dry wine portfolio with a riveting and highly representative white Douro.

TINTO COLHEITA

Parker's WA: **87pts** "The 2011 Colheita is an unoaked blend of 40% each of Tinta Roriz and Touriga Franca, with 20% Touriga Nacional. It seems quite expressive at the moment of the Tinta Roriz. Rather well put together, this is a good value point in the lineup, clean and gripping, well structured and reasonably deep for this basic level. The good fruit sells it. It is nicely done and should hold well. It is certainly not at peak and won't be for a year or so. It is the bargain point in this lineup. Drink now-2020."

TINTO

Parker's WA: **88pts** "The 2013 Tinto is an unoaked blend of 30% Touriga Franca, 30% Tinta Roriz, 30% Tinta Barroca and 10% Touriga Nacional, sourced from Real Companhia Velha's Quintas (Aciprestes and Cidrô). It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. This is a terrific deal. Showing reasonable concentration for the level and considerable pop and power, this focused Tinto is clean and fresh, with good fruit and enough of everything to hold up to food."

TOURIGA NACIONAL (100%)

Parker's WA: **90pts** "The 2013 Touriga Nacional was aged in French oak (half new, half used) for 12 months. A bit earthy and rather powerful for the level, this is a very focused Touriga with elegance in the mid-palate and a fairly intense finish. Pointed and focused, this is showing rather well, with a lingering finish and fine structure. It's a very nice bargain. ... Delaforce and Carvalhas wines presented this issue are all part of Real Companhia Velha's stable. The lineup this issue is chock full of bargains, well constructed wines that show very well for their price points. Throw a dart, buy one."

FINE RUBY PORT

FINE TAWNY PORT

10-Year TAWNY PORT *His Eminence's Choice*

20-YEAR TAWNY PORT *Curious & Ancient*

70+ year-old vines: Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, and Tinta Roriz aged in Portuguese & Chestnut.

LBV PORT

Parker's WA: **89pts** "The 2009 Late Bottled Vintage Port was aged in old tonels (75%) and Pipas. It was "slightly filtered" and bottled in April 2014 with a bar-top cork. It comes in at 100 grams per liter of residual sugar. This is a very nice '09, with ripe fruit and a bit of a pop on the finish. Make no mistake, though, this is about the flavor, even if it is nicely focused. It is a great LBV to drink young as it opens with that lush and luscious hit of bold flavor. It is showing nicely now, delivering its rich flavors to the palate."

VINTAGE PORT

WS on the **2011**: **95pts** "Powerfully fruity, with deep, rich flavors of dark plum, raspberry preserves and violet, accented by plenty of ripe, spicy notes. Dark chocolate and allspice accents linger on the long finish, revealing hints of cardamom and ginger."

Parker's WA: **91pts** "The **2007** Delaforce reveals an alluring aromatic array of coffee bean, Asian spices, incense, black currant, and blueberry. This is followed by a supple, elegant, nicely balanced, succulently fruited wine that is likely to evolve for up to a decade."

WS on the **2003**: **95pts** "A fabulous nose of cassis and berries, with hints of licorice. Full-bodied and lightly sweet, with supersexy tannins and a long, long finish. Very classy."

WS on the **1997**: **95pts** "Wonderful aromas of blackberry, lilac and a bit of stems. Full-bodied, with silky tannins, medium sweetness and a long finish. Solid. Needs a little time still. Seems to be coming together now. '77/'85/'97 blind Port retrospective."

WS on the **1994**: **92pts** "Wildly plummy, with a meaty, earthy character, and fabulously concentrated. Big, sweet and voluptuous with loads of round tannins and a long, sweet finish. Best Delaforce in decades."



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