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QUINTA DO CRASTO

DOURO, PORTUGAL

Crasto LBV 2008



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The 2008 Late Bottled Vintage Port is an old-vines field blend aged in used Portuguese 9,000-liter tanks. It was bottled in July 2013. In this very elegant vintage that produced a lot of focused wines, Crasto managed to produce something rather sexy, sweet and delicious, but as with most fine LBVs, that's on first taste. After some air and a couple of days, it shows a firm backbone and tightens considerably. It is a more youthful and exuberant version of an LBV in Crasto's fine vertical here. Many might prefer this moment for this wine, but that's a mistake, because there is a lot going on here. It may be one of my favorite 2008s. Its sappy young fruit is a marvel on opening. However, it should evolve and become more interesting, even if it is pretty hard to resist right now. Its structure will allow it to do so. It is a fine achievement in general and in the vintage. 27,000 bottles produced. —*The Wine Advocate*, eRobertParker.com, February 2015

