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Douro Reds To Try

Here are wines showcasing the Douro Valley's quality and value in red table wines. Think of them when planning on red meat on the grill or in the smoker. • By DAVE MCINTYRE

QUINTA DO CRASTO Crasto 2012



Douro, Portugal, \$16



From Quinta do Crasto, this entry-level red is juicy and vibrant, yet it has the earthy character of the Douro. It's a terrific introduction to what this region and this winery can do. The Crasto Douro Superior (\$24) is also top-notch, a bit more restrained. Alcohol by volume: 14 percent.

Country Vintner: Available in the District at Batch 13, Calvert Woodley, Cleveland Park Wine and Spirits, Cordial Fine Wine & Spirits, MacArthur Beverages, Rodman's, Whole Foods Market (Foggy Bottom, P Street); on the list at All Souls. Available in Maryland at Georgetown Square Wine and Beer in Bethesda, Rodman's (Wheaton, White Flint). Available in Virginia at Balducci's (Alexandria), Dominion Wine and Beer in Falls Church, Swirl & Sip in Fairfax, Whole Foods Market (Alexandria); on the list at Tallula in Arlington.

★★★ Exceptional ★★ Excellent ★ Very Good

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