

## Discover DWWA 2016 winners from Portugal

### 1. São Domingos, Baga Bruto, Bairrada, Portugal 2009

(12%), 100% Baga

Result: Bronze, 87 points

Tasting notes: Bready nose with appetising sweet and saline notes. Builds on the palate with notes of tangerines and citrus fruit. Fresh and persistent, showing elegant weight/style.



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### 2. Soalheiro, Alvarinho, Monção e Melgaço, Vinho Verde, Portugal 2015

(12.5%), 100% Alvarinho

Result: Platinum - Best White Northern Portugal over £15, 95 points

Tasting notes: Lovely rich, opulent style. Red apple skin and pear aromas. Nice weight on the palate - quite rich and layered. Just perfect balance between rich fruit, brisk acidity and the balancing grape sugars, allied to concentration and floral aromas. Good wine.



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### 3. Julio Bastos, Dona Maria Grande Reserva, Alentejano, Portugal 2010

(14.5%), 50% Alicante Bouschet, 25% Petit Verdot, 25% Syrah

Result: Bronze, 86 points

Tasting notes: Full-bodied with a leafy, earthy and graphite nose, mellow flavours and well-integrated, soft tannins. Developing in a lovely way and good value for money.



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### 4. Quinta Do Crasto, Superior, Douro, Portugal 2014

(13%), 60% Viosinho, 40% Verdelho

Result: Bronze, 89 points

Tasting notes: Fresh aromas of white flowers, vanilla and lime with nectarine/citrus flavours and floral perfume racing over the fresh, silky palate. Finishes lengthily as well.



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### 5. Monte da Ravasqueira, Syrah-Viognier, Alentejano, Portugal 2013

(13%), 97% Syrah, 3% Viognier

Result: Silver, 90 points

Tasting notes: Good varietal character with fleshy, sweet nutty oak and strawberry flavours. Quite international style but well done with smooth tannins, vivid fruit and good persistence.



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### 6. Casa Ermelinda Freitas, Moscatel, Setúbal Roxo, Setúbal, Portugal 2009

(18%), 100% Moscatel

Result: Silver, 93 points

Tasting notes: Very good for the price with a vibrant floral, vanilla bean and spicy nose. The palate overflows with smoky dried fruits, spice, marmalade and ginger. Elegant, fresh and vibrant, it is a really smashing wine.



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### 7. Bulas, Port, Portugal 2011

(20%), 50% Touriga Nacional, 25% Tinta Roriz, 25% Touriga Franca

Result: Platinum - Best Vintage Port over £15, 96 points

Tasting notes: Intense, very rich aromas of sweet baked black fruit, matched by floral, violet notes, cassis, bramble, sweet herbs adding complexity. The palate is initially soft and fleshy, cherry and plum backed by firm spicy tannins, roasted coffee, kirsch and chocolate with an excellent creamy texture.



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### 8. Blandy's, Verdelho, Madeira, Portugal 1979

(21%), 100% Verdelho

Result: Platinum Best in Show – Best Sweet Fortified over £15, 98 points

Tasting notes: A warm, nutty nose with smoke, seaweed, walnut, herbs and spices also has intense raisin and dried fig characters with savoury hints. Wonderful mouthfeel, with sublime flavours of cocoa, spices, dried fruit and citrus peel match the grapefruit acidity, molasses and rich bitter chocolate.

