

The 2009 TOURIGA NACIONAL, fermented in tank and aged for 6 months in new French oak, is one of Portal's two monovarietals this issue. On first look it seemed to be a potentially controversial wine, disjointed and burly, although with good fruit and depth. A second look in Douro saw it showing notably better and it answered some questions. It displayed more typical Touriga Nacional character, floral and more elegant, with lovely aromatics and tasty fruit. Nicely structured, it still has some room for improvement. There were 4,660 bottles produced. Drink 2013-2022. – Wine Advocate – December 2012

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