



# 2012 BEST BUYS / RATINGS

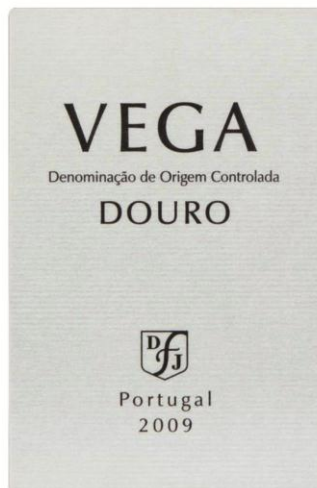


And other **AWARDS**

AS SEEN IN NOVEMBER 2012



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**90** DFJ Vinhos 2009 Vega (Douro). Smooth and wood aged, this has a polished texture. Fruit flavors of blueberry and red cherry combine with the rounded tannins and a spice note to give a rich feel. Full yet elegant, age this for the next two years. Dionysos Imports Inc. —R.V.  
**abv:** 13.5% **Price:** \$9

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**92** DFJ Vinhos 2009 Grand'Arte Touriga Nacional (Lisboa). The combination of blackberry fruit and firm, dark tannins has created a complex, impressive wine. This has plenty of fruit, but the main components at this stage are its weight and structure. It has considerable aging potential; keep for 3-4 years. Dionysos Imports Inc. *Best Buy.* —R.V.  
abv: 13%

Price: \$13



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**91** DFJ Vinhos 2009 Grand'Arte Alicante Bouschet (Lisboa). This is deeply colored and rich, showing both the juicy fruit character of Alicante Bouschet and a more serious, concentrated element. It's solid and densely tannic, with wood flavors layered on its black plum fruit. This is worth aging for another two years. Dionysos Imports Inc. **Best Buy.** —R.V.  
abv: 13.5%

Price: \$13





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## DFJ

ALVARINHO & CHARDONNAY WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA  
Round and smooth, this has a weighty, full-bodied structure, with the Alvarinho adding a more crisp character. Pear and melon fruits are balanced by citrusy acidity. - R.V. (10/1/2012) - \$ 10 / 90



## CASA DO LAGO

GRANDE RESERVA CABERNET 2009 REGIONAL LISBOA  
Profiting from the exceptional 2009 vintage, this is rich and full bodied, yet it retains elegance. Black fruits dominate the firm tannins, lending a juicy character to the ripe texture. The finish is suave and fruity. — R.V. (10/1/2012)— \$ 10 / 89



## PAXIS

DOURO RED 2009  
Big and fruity, with soft and ripe tannins, this has a strong juicy element, with blackberry juice and spice flavors that combine with the wood aging and lively acidity on the finish. It could be aged, but is ready to drink now. - R.V. (10/1/2012) - \$ 9 / 89



## GRAND'ARTE

ALVARINHO WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

For an Alvarinho this is surprisingly herbaceous, bearing a green cut-grass aroma and lemon and pink grapefruit flavors. As the wine fills out over the next year, it will probably show more of the grape's creamed apple and pear flavors. - R.V. (10/1/2012) - \$ 11 / 88



## GRAND'ARTE

ARINTO WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

Swathes of ripe fruit surface on this wine, with lime and peach flavors followed by a more mineral texture. It's a wine to drink now or age over the next year. - R.V. (10/1/2012) - \$ 11 / 88



## PAXIS

RED 2008 REGIONAL ALENTEJANO

Paxis is a warm, earthy wine, packed with ripe, soft and forward fruit. It does have a structure that could allow the wine to age, but there is no need as its fruitiness makes it ready to drink now. — R.V. (6/1/2012) — \$9 / 88

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## MONTE ALENTEJANO

RESERVA RED 2007 REGIONAL ALENTEJANO

This wine heads the range of good value wines under the Monte Alentejano name. It has some weight and a tangy, structured character, and has not lost its black-plum flavors. Drink now. — R.V. (6/1/2012) — \$ 10 / 88

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## ALTA CORTE

CALADOC & TINTA RORIZ RED 2009 REGIONAL LISBOA

A blend of the unusual Caladoc varietal and Tinta Roriz, this is ripe, fruity and spicy. It has enough rich black fruit to give weight while allowing the acidity and balancing tannins through. It's enjoyable and ready to drink. — R.V. (10/1/2012) — \$ 9 / 87

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## VEGA

RED 2008 REGIONAL ALENTEJANO

A powerful wine that shows berry fruits, with dark tannins and layers of acidity. It is structured while being fruity and juicy; a great pasta wine that is ready to drink now. R.V. (6/1/2012) - \$9 / 87



## BIGODE

RED 2008 REGIONAL LISBOA

"Solid and chunky, a wine that fills the mouth with its attractive red fruits, structured tannins and a general juicy feel. A fine barbecue wine." — R.V. (6/1/2012) — \$8/ 86



## PORTADA

RED 2009 REGIONAL LISBOA

"Ripe red fruits dominate this warm, round wine. The light touch of acidity makes the fruit seem forward and bright, yet the core remains rich and smooth. Its soft tannins make this ready to drink now.." — R.V. (10/1/2012) — \$7/ 86



## PAXIS

ARINTO WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

"Smooth and oily in texture, this is round and full of pear juice flavor. There is just a touch of green legume, adding piquancy to this ripe wine. Screwcap..." — R.V. (10/1/2012) — \$8/ 86





## MONTE ALENTEJANO

WHITE 2011 REGIONAL ALENTEJANO

“Perfumed, with a soft, smooth texture, this has flavors of tropical fruit, peach and a hint of lemongrass that make for a rich wine.” — [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$8/ 86



## PAXIS

RED 2009 REGIONAL LISBOA

“A big-hearted wine, despite its modest alcohol (12%). This character comes from the bold fruitiness—blackberry and sweet plum flavors—underpinned with acidity and a light touch of tannins. Ready to drink.” — [R.V. \(6/1/2012\)](#) — \$8/ 85



## CASA DO LAGO

FERNÃO PIRES & ARINTO & CHARDONNAY WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

“This is rich and smooth, with rounded and ripe fruit. Red apple, banana and lime flavors work together to yield a wine that’s ready to drink.” — [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$8/ 85



## CASA DO LAGO

TOURIGA NACIONAL ROSE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

"Smooth and rounded, this is a food-friendly rosé. It has a ripe strawberry flavor, with a touch of lime juice and a soft, full finish. Just a touch of tannin gives extra character." — [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$8/85



## PORTADA

ROSE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

"Soft and ripe, a flavor of crushed strawberries leads this wine in a fruity direction. It has notes of vanilla and spice, with attractive balancing acidity. This is a food-friendly rose." — [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$7/85



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## PORTADA

WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

"This has soft, ripe fruit, with notes of lime and orange zest fitting easily with the ripe peach and melon flavors. This is warm, rounded and ready to drink." — [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$7/85

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## CORETO

WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

"This is an attractively balanced apple- and pear-flavored wine. It is crisp, fruity and nicely creamy, with some bright acidity on the finish Drink now or age for a year.." - [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$6/ 85

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## CORETO

RED 2010 REGIONAL LISBOA

"Despite its light touch, this is fruity and full, with its blackberry fruit dominating the warm spice note and acidity. Soft tannins keep the wine together. Drink now. Screwcap." - [R.V. \(10/1/2012\)](#) — \$6/ 85

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## STORKS LANDING

WHITE 2010 REGIONAL LISBOA

A blend of Chardonnay and Fernão Pires, this is light, fruity and ready to drink. Its citrus and white-fruit flavors are soft, open and approachable. Screwcap. — [R.V. \(6/1/2012\)](#) — \$8/ 84

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## STORKS LANDING

RED 2010 REGIONAL LISBOA

Storks have traditionally nested in the tall chimneys of DFJ's winery, and this wine celebrates that. Soft, ripe and easily fruity, it has a light tannic touch, followed by some bright acidity and red-berry flavors. Screwcap. — R.V. (6/1/2012) — \$8/ 84

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## SEGADA

WHITE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

This is fruity, with pear and baked apple flavors that lend a rich, spicy character. It has some weight along with an attractive touch of acidity. — R.V. (10/1/2012) — \$8/ 84

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## PINK ELEPHANT

ROSE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

Fruity and off-dry, this has light touches of sweet strawberry and vanilla to go with the orange zest acidity. Screwcap.— R.V. (10/1/2012) — \$8/ 84



## MONTE ALENTEJANO

ROSE 2011 REGIONAL ALENTEJANO

Smooth, rounded and dry, this has plum and strawberry flavors. Full in the mouth and touched by spice, this is a rosé for food. -

R.V. ([10/1/2012](#)) — \$8/ 84



## CORETO

ROSE 2011 REGIONAL LISBOA

"This is a rounded, full-bodied rosé that also has a herbal element. It has a wild strawberry flavor, with light acidity and sweetness. Screw cap." - R.V. ([10/1/2012](#)) — \$6/ 83