

Douro: Harbor in an Economic Tempest

"Of the 10 wines we liked best, five came from the cheap group and five from the expensive group. And among those 10 bottles, we clearly preferred the less expensive wines.

For the tasting Florence Fabricant and I were joined by Laura Maniec, director of wine and spirits for B. R. Guest Restaurants, and Byron Bates, a sommelier and wine consultant.

The price disparity in the tasting was not by design, but it represented a cross-section of the Douro wines in the marketplace. *Our No. 1 wine, the 2006 Altano from Symington Family Estates, was also our best value at a mere \$10. It was lively and dry, with plummy, earthy flavors that were altogether pleasing.*"

ALTANO
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"Dry and balanced with complex, lingering aromas and flavors of fruits and flowers."

BEST VALUE!

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THE TOP TEN

1. Symington Family Estates Douro Altano 2006
2. Quinta de la Rosa Douro 2007
3. Lavradores de Feitoria Douro 2006
4. Quinta do Vale D. Maria Douro 2005
5. CARM Quinta do C6a Douro Reserva 2006
6. Quinta do Vallado Douro Reserva 2005
7. Quinta do Vale Me6o Douro 2005
8. Quinta do Vallado Douro Touriga Nacional 2005
9. Tiago Alves de Sousa Douro Abandonado 2005
10. Real Companhia Velha Douro Quinta do Aciprestes 2005