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WINE:	Casa de Santar Reserva
TYPE:	Red Wine
DENOMINATION:	Dão DOC
VINTAGE:	2004
GRAPE VARIETY:	Touriga Nacional Alfrocheiro Preto Tinta Roriz
COUNTRY:	Portugal

The Estate: Originally established in 1640, Casa de Santar is the only Dão Quinta to have continually produced and bottled its own wines since the 1950's. It is the Dão region's single largest estate. The house on the estate has been in the hands of the same family for 13 consecutive generations, the current generation being lead by winemaker Pedro de Vasconcellos e Souza. The winery and vineyards were recently purchased by Dão Sul, one of the major producers of wine in the region. The Cavagio River crosses the property helping to moderate its climate. All of the estate's vines are trained on wire trellises.

Vinification: After crushing, pressing and settling, the juice ferments in stainless steel with 3 to 4 pump-overs per day to increase richness and prevent alcohol evaporation. An extended post-fermentation maceration on the grapeskins and aging for a year in 100% new Seguin Moreau French oak barrels completes the maturation. During this time the wine is racked twice. There is a light egg white fining and no filtration.

Press: Wine Enthusiast, (2004 Vintage) 92 Points: A deep, concentrated, impressive wine that works on many levels. There are the blackberry fruits, almost jammy, that are enhanced by the tobacco and new wood flavors. Then there is the strong, underlying dryness that promises considerable aging. And there is the elegance. A smooth wine whose tannins work around the core of structure and style. 7/08

Wine Spectator (2004 vintage) 90 Points: Powerful, with intense red plum, currant, raspberry and smoke flavors that are accented by notes of underbrush. Medium-grained tannins fill the spicy finish. 10/31/08

Decanter, (2004 Vintage) 2008 World Wine Awards, Silver: Great, rich and complex aromas of red and black berries. Some tones of leather and spice. Great wine, great structure, very well balanced with an excellent oak integration. 11/08.

Food & Wine 2009 Wine Guide, (2004 Vintage) ★ ★ This wine is wonderfully spicy, with notes of dried sausage. Plum, blackberry and black cherry fruit also shine through.

Wine & Spirits (2004 vin) 91 Points. 4/09

eRobertParker.com (2004 vin) 89 Points. 12/08

Wine Advocate, (2001 vintage), 90 points. 3/07

Tasting Notes: The gorgeous nose on this wine immediately wets the appetite: Ripe blackberry and raspberry fruit with enticing clove, smoke and black pepper aromas. On the palate, you'll find flavors of lush ripe berry and espresso that lead to a long voluptuous finish.