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WINE:	Casa de Santar Reserva
TYPE:	Red Wine
DENOMINATION:	Dão DOC
VINTAGE:	2005
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 Spectator (2005 vintage) **88 Points:** A jammy yet balanced red, with blueberry, dark cherry and dark plum flavors that are accented by an Asian spice note. The lush finish features chocolate and plum pudding. 9/30/09

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

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:** Lively sour cherry flavors and firm tannins meld in this meaty, robust Dão. New oak scents dominate it for now, but there's plenty of fruit to absorb the oak over time. Cellar it, then serve with pork and clams. 4/09

Tasting Notes: Deep color, good aromatic intensity with dark fruits and smoke. Elegant on the palate, revealing robust tannins and a long finish.