

# João Portugal Ramos

## Marquês de Borba Reserva



<b>WINE:</b>	Marquês de Borba Reserva
<b>TYPE:</b>	Red Wine
<b>DENOMINATION:</b>	Alentejo DOC
<b>VINTAGE:</b>	1999
<b>GRAPE VARIETY:</b>	Trincadeira, Aragones, Castelão, Cabernet, Alicante Bouschet
<b>COUNTRY:</b>	Portugal

**Vinification:** Fermentation in stainless steel with frequent pump-overs, post-fermentation maceration on the skins, and aging in French oak for 12 months.

### Press:

**Robert M Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate**, Aug. 28, 2000 (1999 vintage), 90 points: *"This outstanding effort is full-bodied and rich, with copious amounts of cassis fruit, blackberries, truffles, minerals and smoke. Impressively endowed, with sweeter tannin, lower acidity, and a more multi-layered texture than the 1997, it should drink well during its first 15 years."*

**Wine & Spirits**, October 2001 (1999 vintage): "100 Best Wines of 2001" 93 points: *"With luscious, fresh-berry richness, a different style from the traditionally leaner Alentejo reds, it's a modern Portuguese collectible, a new take on the Alentejo. And at \$45, it blows away a lot of wines on the international market priced significantly higher."*

**Decanter**, October 2001 (1999 vintage), 4 stars "Highly Recommended": *"Elegant, mixed berry spiciness on the nose. Soft and intense on the palate."*



**Tasting Notes:** Deep ruby in color, this raspberry-scented wine has a concentrated jammy aroma, and rich, cocoa-accented fruit. The maximum-impact flavors are dense and smoky, while the tannins are fine-grained. A big wine, with brilliant earthy fruit that will continue to develop depth in the cellar.



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