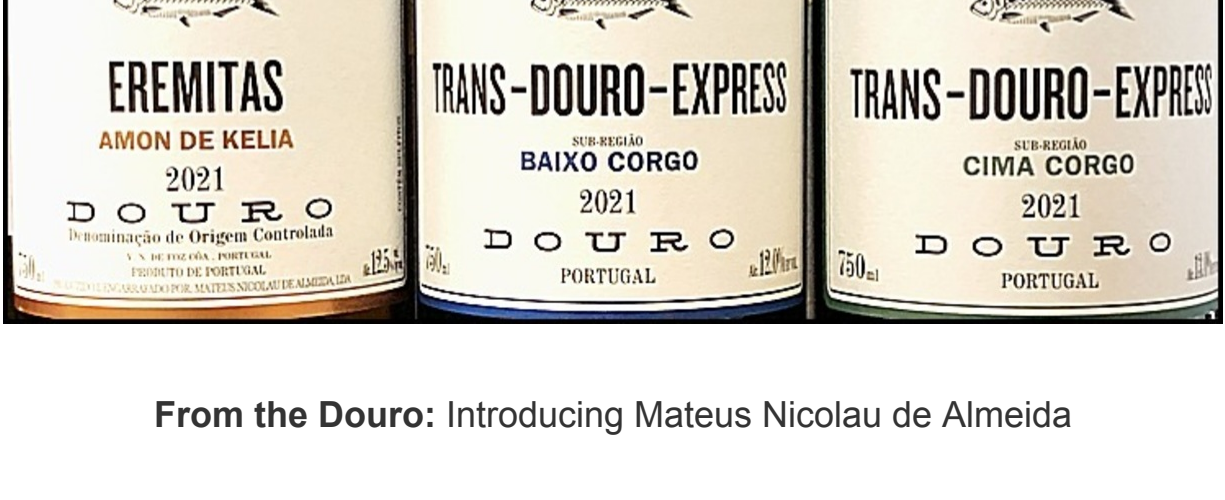


Portugal at its **VERY BEST!**



From the Douro: Introducing Mateus Nicolau de Almeida

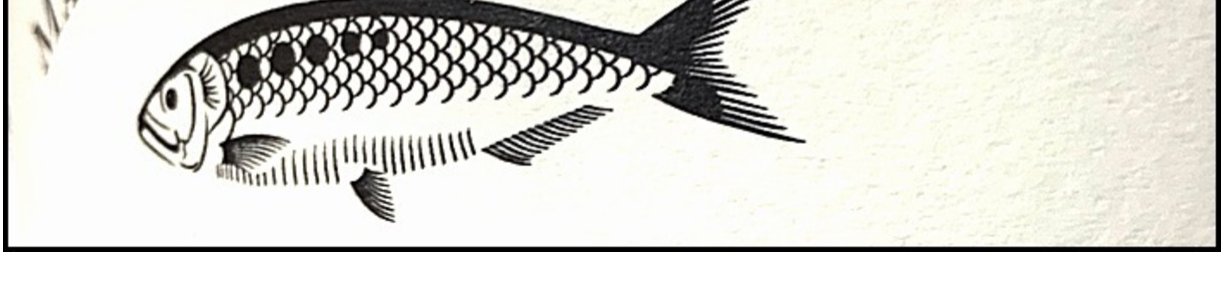
Let us set the scene:

It was two Thursdays ago and the sun was shining down on Santa Barbara. We had tasted a whirlwind of wines that morning and aside from one or two fairly good wines nothing had wowed us. It was nearly closing time when a car pulled up and out stepped our friend Leigh with more wines to taste.

At this point we really wanted to head out for a nice, quiet happy hour but work is work and if we don't taste, we don't know.

Wow do we know now!

The first wine silenced us. A white from the varietal Rabigato (100%). After that first sip we had a craving for fried chicken (oddly enough), then thought sautéed calamari, seafood paella, grilled salmon, even fried rice would pair wonderfully.



2021 Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Douro Douro White
"Eremitas — Amon de Kelia" (Portugal, Douro) \$35

The wine has a lush citrus element with gripping texture and a spiced finish. There's exotic, nearly ripe pale melon here, with a savory crushed granite minerality. Cardamom makes an appearance along the way, then as the liquid mingles with air tangerine, meyer lemon, and a creaminess develop. Elegant, classy, and utterly delicious.

This has to be the **best Portuguese White Wine** we've ever had. It's simply perfect.



2021 Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Douro Trans Douro Express
Baixo Corgo (Portugal, Douro) \$26

How good can a \$26 bottle of wine be? It can be mind-blowing as we experienced with this first red.

We were wowed by the aromas that shot from the bottle upon pulling the cork. Wonderfully berry and wild flower bouquet. This is the lighter of the two reds with beautifully minerality, red and dark berry fruit, hints of rhubarb and savory spice. It lingers on the palate long after, sealing in memory the delight of this juice.



2021 Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Douro Trans Douro Express
Cima Corgo (Portugal, Douro) \$26

Is there such a thing as Boysenberry minerality? If not there is now; mind blown (again). There's a brambly essence here, Mediterranean spices, Boysenberry, cranberry notes...exotic yet familiar; something unexpected but most welcome.

If we ever wondered if there was a Portuguese wine that would pair beautifully with duck, wonder no more! This is your bottle (move over Burgundy). Also wonderful with grilled pork (with thyme) in a wild berry sauce.



Mateus Nicolau de Almeida Winery

The Douro wines of Mateus Nicolau de Almeida are crafted underground in a schist cave (pictured here).



Organically farmed and certified, their wines are defined through a combination of vineyards in the different sub-regiões (subregions) of Douro and indigenous varieties.



We've fallen in love with these wines and

we are sure you will too.

You are welcome to purchase the wines individually but might we suggest one bottle or each (dare we day a 3-pack). This is an exciting way to experience the wines and maybe even plan an evening and meal around the three.

Our first idea went something like this:

Course 1: Sauteed Calamari

Course 2: A Selection of Cheeses and Charcuterie

Course 3: DUCK:

Peppered Duck Breast With Red Wine Sauce

or go classic French with

Canard aux cerises
(Duck with Sour Cherries)

Back to the wine:

Our Douro 3-Pack is on sale for \$76

(reg 87) until we sell out.

Production for these wines hover around 200 cases each so we felt pretty special we were able to secure 24 bottles of each wine.

Call 805.568.1961 or email us to reserve

We appreciate your support!

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