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## 2008 Quinta de Bons-Ventos Tinto (Red)



Lately my “every day” drop of red wine has been a Portuguese red wine called Bons Ventos. While Portugal is not normally known as a great wine producing country, this red wine has been great value at \$6.99 at Vintage Cellars for the 2008 vintage. I noticed today that my local First Choice store also has the 2007 Bons Ventos but at \$8 from memory. It’s hard to go past this for value. Plenty of fruit without going over the top. Goes well with a steak or pasta. Although I rarely get to find this out with wine, this lasted fine 2 days in the fridge, but by the third it had lost a lot of its fruit flavours.

It’s rare that I buy more than a dozen of any wine, preferring instead to keep variety in my cellar. But with this wine I made an exception. Great value!

Here’s what the experts have to say ([www.vintagecellars.com.au](http://www.vintagecellars.com.au))

Beyond Port, there is little known about Portuguese wine here in Australia. France and Italy lead the imported wine scene with Spanish wines’ popularity continuing to grow. However this jam packed beauty is doing a lot to help Portugal gain lost ground. Not only has Bons Ventos found favour with wine writers, it has been the most popular wine for two years running at our International Wine Fair in Sydney. It offers black fruits, raspberries, spice, pepper and a savoury edge. It’s medium bodied and ready for drinking. Relish the value.

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The team responsible for sourcing Coles’ imported wines deserves a special commendation. Not only is the overall wine quality impressive, but the value for money can be quite remarkable. Bons-Ventos is a very handy medium-bodied dry red from Portugal, an open, friendly and accessible style, neatly balanced, keenly priced and ready to enjoy tonight with pizza, pasta or barbecued red meats. Paddy Kendler, Herald Sun 05/05/2009

‘Quinta de Bons-Ventos Tinto From Portugal, this blend of castello, camarate, tinta miuda and touriga nacional shows spicy red berry fruit with a savoury edge and soft tannins. Enjoy with pasta, good pizza or at a barbecue.’

Mile Frost Courier Mail 21/07/2009

*Sopa de legumes e carne. Jantar em 21/07/2012.*