

## Is it worth heading back to Madeira?

Wine & Spirit's Wine Detective cracks the case of the neglected fortified Portuguese

**Bual Colheita Single Cask 80a, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal 1995**

**£15 (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Tremendous vigour and taffeta layers. Elegant acidity animates delicate flavours of crème caramel, buttermints, nuts and maple syrup.

**Fortnum & Mason's Christmas Pudding Madeira Malvasia Reserve, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal**

**£18.50 (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Moreish nuts with tons of candied orange peel, exotic lapsang tea and a touch of chocolate. Trim, long finish.

**VB Verdelho Bual Reserva Medium Dry, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal**

**£15 (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Excellent depth of citrus with salted caramels and spice cut with a lively charge of fresh acidity.

**VB Verdelho Bual Lote 2 Medium Dry Reserve Casks 12a & 46a, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal**

**£POA (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Sweet, spicy mandarin peel, caramel and pecan nuts dance over the palate. Elegant, long and racy.

**Bual 10 Year Old Reserve, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal**

**£17 (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Smoky builder's lapsang tea (if you can imagine it!), pithy grapefruit and pickled walnuts. Good thrust of acidity.

**Malvasia Colheita Single Cask 265, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal 1999**

**£27.50 (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Taffeta-layered palate shows walnuts and maple syrup; long and precise.

**Verdelho, Barbeito, Madeira, Portugal 1981**

**£27 (contact Raymond Reynolds)**

Beautiful richness and balance with pithy, spicy orange peel and walnuts. Terrific tangy finish.