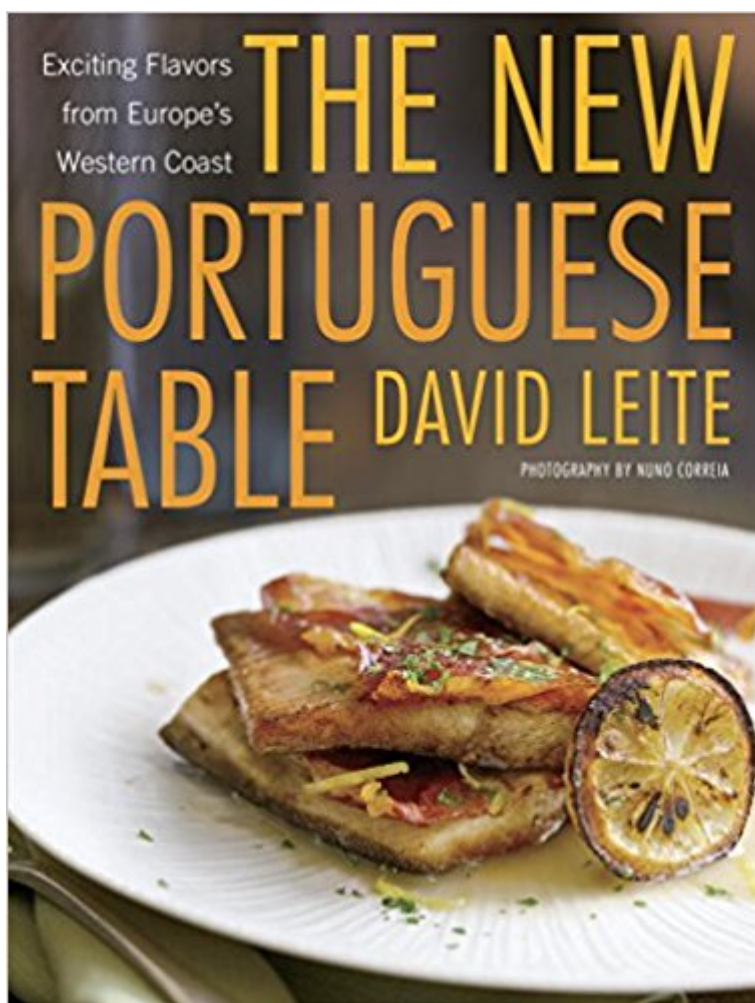


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# The New Portuguese Table: Exciting Flavors From Europe's Western Coast



## Synopsis

Winner of the IACP 2010 Julia Child Award for First Book Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Spain, Portugal is today's hot-spot vacation destination, and world travelers are enthralled by the unique yet familiar cuisine of this country. The New Portuguese Table takes you on a culinary journey into the soul of this fascinating nation and looks at its 11 surprisingly different historical regions, as well as the island of Madeira and the Azores, and their food culture, typical dishes, and wines. This book also showcases Portugal's pantry of go-to ingredients, such as smoked sausages, peppers, cilantro, seafood, olive oil, garlic, beans, tomatoes, and bay leaves—all beloved by Americans and now combined in innovative ways. In The New Portuguese Table, David Leite provides a contemporary look at the flavorful food of this gastronomic region, sharing both the beloved classics he remembers from cooking at his grandmother's side, such as Slowly Simmered White Beans and Sausage, as well as modern dishes defining the country today, like Olive Oil Poached Fresh Cod with Roasted Tomato Sauce. With full-color photographs throughout and a contemporary perspective, The New Portuguese Table is the handbook to the exciting cuisine of Portugal.

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one of the amazing dishes offered here. By highlighting the eclectic ingredients and modern techniques that define the country today, Leite brings the often-overlooked foods of Portugal center stage. This fully illustrated book begins with an extensive glossary of Portuguese staples, plus a port primer and an introduction to Madeira, and ends with a chapter devoted to workhorse sundries such as fiery piri-piri paste and smoked paprika oil. Along the way home cooks are introduced to a delectable jumble of dishes that range from classic to contemporary. A comforting adaptation of the fabled stone soup is enlivened with spicy chouriço sausage; simple-yet-elegant duck breasts are sauced with white port and black olives; and a dip made with anchovies, green olives, cilantro, and whole milk is surprisingly harmonious. The desserts are comparatively docile—molasses cookies, baked custard tarts—but the recipe variation for fatias douradas (Portuguese sweet bread French toast) is truly over-the-top. (Aug.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"A modern classic cookbook." —BlackBook.com "Three-time James Beard Award winner Leite has written a foodie love letter to a European nation. The culinary profile of the 13 historic provinces, along with a shopping guide to the Portuguese pantry, are great, but the real payoff is the 130-plus recipes that range from the veggie-rich caldo verde to such new classics as scrambled eggs with asparagus and fresh cod." —Dana Dickey, Bon Appétit "Iberian gem. The New Portuguese Table by David Leite, a prolific food journalist who founded the website LeitesCulinaria.com, is the best book on the subject of Portuguese cooking in years. Leite, whose parents emigrated to the U.S. from Portugal, is captivated by the way cooks there have pointed their under appreciated cuisine in new directions. He dutifully catalogs Portugal's iconic wines and traditional foods—we learn how to make clams and chouriço in a copper cataplana—but we also get decidedly new-school preparations like cheese-stuffed pork tenderloins and Filet-o-Fish-inspired salt cod sandwiches. Trad or mod, this is some winning home cooking." —Saveur "Beautifully illustrated, The New Portuguese Table is a smart, delicious and highly personal travelogue through both memory and terrain." —Maricel E. Presilla, MiamiHerald.com "In Leite's The New Portuguese Table, the author performs a multitude of feats: first, he provides [a] culinary travel guide to the country of his ancestors...introduces, with great specificity, a multitude of regional delicacies...and finally presents recipes ranging from the most remarkably parsimonious...to the more extravagant and modern. Leite's book is a stunning passport to a food and a people virtually unknown to most Americans, even though they are only five hours away from our mainland." —Elissa Altman, The Huffington Post "This is the perfect cookbook for lovers of salt cod,

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Bros. Simple, Fresh, Southern"David Leite takes you right to the heart of the good stuff,Â scrupulouslyÂ (and appetizingly) exploring and explainingÂ an egregiously overlooked and unappreciated range of flavors and ingredients. Portugal once ruled the known world, and the recipes in this book areâ “in many waysâ “the history of the worldâ “on your plate.”â ”Anthony Bourdain"“This book begs the question why, in heaven’s name, have we ignoredÂ PortugalÂ for so long?Â David Leite’s Portuguese dishes practically stand up and salute with flavor. And he is smart about theÂ PortugalÂ he portrays.Â The temptation is to look only to the past and the traditional, but David knows cuisines are restless, ever shifting beings. He gifts us with the land of his family as it was and as it is now.Â We’ll be cooking from this book for a long time.”â ”Lynne Rosetto Kasper and Sally Swift, authors of The Splendid Table’s How to Eat Supper"“I amÂ veryÂ impressed with The New Portuguese Table. It is a welcoming, wonderful, satisfying, and passionate cookbook, an enticing viewÂ of PortugalÂ through the lens of its food.Â David Leite is a terrific writer and he has a lot to teach us about one of Europe’s most extraordinary and diverse cuisines. Bravo!"Â â ”Paula Wolfert"“Long overlooked in our culinary literature, Portugal’sÂ rich, historic cuisine finally has a passionate and knowledgeable ambassadorÂ in David Leite. Keenly aware of what modern AmericanÂ cooks want these days, LeiteÂ has compiledÂ an incomparable collection in which every recipe isÂ as rewarding to eat as it is simple to make.Â Bravo David!"Â â ”Anya von Bremzen, author of The New Spanish Table

Big fan of this title. I have been in a groove of cooking going from country to country to widen my skills. I have made half a dozen dishes and each has turned out well. The recipes are easy to follow and most have a nice colored picture of said recipe. The stories attached to the book lends it a nice personal touch. Nothing too difficult to cook within these pages and if you live in a large city one should be able to source all the ingredients that are requested within.

I came back from Portugal craving the food. I ordered this cookbook with my fingers crossed. The first Chicken Lemon Mint soup I made was a hit with everyone in our family. For the first time in their lives BOTH of my 6-year-old grandsons liked a dish---at the same time! I look forward to all the other recipes. Very typical Portuguese cuisine, which I personally think is highly underrated internationally. Love this cookbook...at least if the recipe quality matches the one dish I have made so far.

This book is absolutely amazing! Everything I’ve made from it has tasted wonderful. Each recipe

comes with a small story either about the origin of the dish or how David Leite came to discover it. The recipes are fun to make and not too difficult. My grandfather is from the Azores and my grandmother is from Brazil. The dishes in this book take me back to my grandmother's kitchen. I've recently had my first kid and look forward to filling my kitchen with the magnificent aromas from the dishes in this book.

A beautiful book of tantalizing recipes.

I purchased four books for Christmas gifts, including one for myself. Interesting enough, the book was on some of my intended receivers' wish list. The book is a very well done approach at Portuguese recipes, using either the traditional or more modern ingredients available in the U.S.. The photographs are excellent, as are descriptions. I was particularly interested in the recipes from S. Miguel, Azores, since I am from there. I was not disappointed. When I received the book, I could not put it down. David's descriptions are on the mark and his experiences with the locals, typical. There are several mistakes in the descriptions and spelling, that I am sure will be corrected on subsequent printings. As a result of reliving some of my culinary childhood tastes and smells, my wife and I, as well as several friends, are now considering doing a culinary tour of Portugal. The New Portuguese Table, is certain to become a reference for Portuguese cuisine. Congratulations on a job well done. And now, I am going to make some Pasteis de Nata.

Blends historic regional Portuguese food culture background with new contemporary cooking styling concepts. Having compiled a collection of many various cookbooks through the years, this is perhaps far & away "the very best international book" I have purchased/acquired. The historical narratives, concentrated regional research, personal insights, recipe presentation, chapter photography, design page layouts are overall exceptional.. Flow is seamless. Excelente! Highly & strongly recommend purchase consideration!

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Creative twists on traditional Portuguese cuisine make this a welcome addition to our culinary library. It is well organized across soups, meats, seafood, and desserts, and also beautifully photographed... Recipes are easy to follow

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