



Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas Reserva Especial Red DOC Douro 2017

Date tasted: 12 June 2020

Reviewer: Julia Harding

Score: 16.5

Drink: 2020 - 2024

Old vines field blend. 12 months in new French oak. TA 5.1 g/l, pH 3.6. Deep cherry red with smudgy rim. Sweet, ripe dark fruit, blueberry, black cherry and perhaps dried cherry with a touch of peppery spice. Very ripe but not overripe. Nicely dark and savoury on the palate, though the oak is a little bit intrusive at the moment. Certainly has the intensity of old vines but no excess fat. There's a touch of bitterness on the finish as if the extraction was a little firmer than it needed to be. Tannins are thick and deep. Just enough freshness. (JH)