



Album Reserva Regional Alentejano2014

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Petit Verdot 40%, Alicante Bouschet 30%, Syrah 20%, Aragonez 10%. Three weeks' post-ferment maceration and 10 months in new French oak. Dark crimson. Intense aroma that is both dark fruit and sweet oak spice but also the perfume and spice of the varieties. Plenty of oak flavour on the palate and the tannins quite thick but there's masses of ripe but not overripe fruit to fill out the core. Powerful, just fresh enough, and definitely needs food. Another year or so in bottle should also help to tone down the oak, especially its effect in thickening the tannin texture. Long spicy finish. (JH)