



### 2018 Tyto alba Castelão

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2020-2028

Cost: \$35-36

The 2018 Castelão Tyto Alba was aged in 140-liter terracotta amphorae for 11 months. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. This was only in bottle a couple of months when seen, but it seemed in good form. Bright, beefy and laced with strawberries, this is aromatically powerful and intense in flavor—which is how this grape tends to show. In other years, I noted that the flavors seemed moderated by the amphorae, but not this year. It is exuberant and flamboyant. The tannins underneath are ripe. Overall, it is nicely balanced in terms of structure. Those who like Grenache will have an affinity for this. You can drink this young red right now, but it should also hold decently for several years. It might be better on the younger side, though. I doubt that it will reward aging. There doesn't seem to be much of an upside. There were 460 six-packs produced.