



2014 Merlot Tyto Alba

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2017-2026

Cost: \$29-30

The 2014 Merlot Tyto Alba was aged for 12 months in a mixture of French and American (30%) oak, mostly well-used, with 20% new. This is a pretty respectable Merlot in this tough year (and both of the monovarietals reviewed perform far better than the Tyto Alba blend reviewed). This is clean and fresh, with classic Merlot nuances and some focus. It lingers nicely on the finish, the wine showing a bit of grip to support the flavor. Rather classy, this shows well in a dry and somewhat stern fashion. I do question its ability to improve much, which makes me a bit conservative in evaluation just now. Drink it in the short to mid-term. It isn't drinking too badly now, but it may improve over the next year or so.