



2016 Nostalgia Alvarinho 10 Barricas

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Rating: 91

Drink: 2018-2023

Cost: \$45-47

The 2016 Alvarinho Nostalgia "10 Barricas" is dry and without fizz. It was aged for eight months in well-used French oak and comes in at 13% alcohol. Beautifully focused, this adds tension on the lingering finish while handling its wood well. The acidity slices and dices the wood nicely, making it more a matter a texture than flavor. What makes this possibly the best vintage yet of this bottling, though, is the fruit. I'm not sure I've seen this bottling with better fruit. As it airs and warms, the fruit takes over and puts the oak in its place. This is very pretty this year. It will be interesting to see how it ages, but I suspect it will hold reasonably well. Let's be a little conservative just now and start here. There were 1,500 three-pack wooden cases produced.