



2019 Album Reserva Regional Alentejano

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2022 - 2026

Cost: \$19-21

The 2019 Reserva Album is a 40/30 blend of Petit Verdot and Alicante Bouschet with 20% Syrah and 10% Aragonez, just like last year's, all aged for eight months in used French oak. It comes in at 14.8% alcohol. It seems surprisingly elegant in the mid-palate, but make no mistake, this is all about the fruitiness before anything else. The Alicante (so I surmise) has a strong voice here, projecting some beefy nuances and darker flavors. There's a little grip on the finish but not much. Mostly, this is a fruit-forward wine with lots of flavor, and it can be drunk young. Very ripe, it leans well to the fruit bomb side of the ledger this year, but some will like that just fine.