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2014 Andreza Grande Reserva Tinto

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The 2014 Grande Reserva Andreza, is a blend of 40% Touriga Nacional, 40% Touriga Franca and 20% Sousão, aged for 12 months in new French oak. It comes in at 14% alcohol. This may have even more depth than the 2015 Reserva Especial this issue, although it doesn't quite have that wine's fresh intensity of flavor. Still, for a Cima Corgo Douro DOC in this vintage, this is very well done and a fine off-year performance. It is a bit dry and stern, as most 2014s are, but it has concentration to go with moderate tannins and a full feeling in the mouth. That makes it relatively impressive as well as nicely priced. It should age well. At the other end of the drinking window, it should be approachable in a year or two, but give it some air if you dive in soon. The tannins here are not quite as big as on the Reserva Especial, but this is nowhere near peak. It will show better around 2020.