



2018 Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas Branco

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2019- 2023

Cost: \$12-14

The 2018 Branco is a field blend from old vines, unoaked, very dry and coming in at 12.5% alcohol, down a bit from 2017 (not surprising, considering the difference in the vintages). This is typically a fine value for the quality, consistent and consistently overachieving, handling vintage differences well. Showing reasonable concentration for the level, some acidic bite on the finish and a little earth in the background, this fresh white is in good form. Zestier than the 2017, but perhaps not quite as deep, this has an elegant liveliness that is very appealing. It is worth leaning up for the moment. Whether it holds serve for all of its useful life is always another issue, but the freshness this year may help preserve this. Most won't bother to find out.