



### 2017 Maria Bonita Barrica Loureiro

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Rating: 90

Drink: 2019- 2027

Cost: \$45-47

The 2017 Maria Bonita Barrica Loureiro is dry, crisp and comes in at 12% alcohol. It was aged for eight months in well-used French oak. The wood and the winery's intentions here give this a more serious feel than its fresh whites, and it generally handles the wood well. This has good concentration, elegance and the stuffing to hold up to foods. It has a refined and understated feel in the long run, after it warms up and airs out. It was harmonious and graceful the next day, when I liked it even better. It's not particularly intense or vibrant.

On the whole, this is impressive, but there's a lot of competition in the region if you're willing to spend this much—like, almost the entire region. Still, it does well. The only remaining question it has to answer is how well it ages and develops. At this price point, it needs to be more than a wine that drinks nicely for a couple of years. There were 820 three-packs produced.