



2018 Maria Bonita Loureiro

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2019- 2022 Cost: \$12-13

The 2018 Maria Bonita Loureiro has a different and drier profile this year, with only 1.5 grams of residual sugar, 6.7 of total acidity, plus 11.5% alcohol. This is lively and fresh, without sacrificing concentration. It doesn't have the concentration or roundness of the Maria Papoila this issue, but the fresher feel and the zestier demeanor made it just as enticing to me. It's bright, but the acidity is also well integrated. This isn't a very sharp wine.

As between the two, I personally liked this a little more. It depends, to be sure, on personal taste as well as what you are planning to use them for. The greater depth of the Maria Papoila will make it better as a food pairing. Stylistic issues aside, this Maria Bonita is a better value—not that the Maria Papoila is so pricey."