



2018 Maria Papoila Loureiro & Alvarinho

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2019- 2023

Cost: \$15-18

The 2018 Maria Papoila Loureiro & Alvarinho is a 70/30 blend, unoaked, with 3.6 grams of residual sugar, 6.2 of total acidity and 11.5% alcohol. Solid in the mid-palate this year, this has well-integrated parts and good concentration for the style. This isn't the zestiest example of Loureiro and Alvarinho (contrast this issue's unoaked Maria Bonita monovarietal Loureiro for a lighter and fresher style), but it has a round, table-wine demeanor that will serve it in good stead with food. It finishes rather dry, but not steely. Drink it over the next few years for best results. There were 8,700 cases produced.