



1994 Pegos Claros

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2019- 2024

Cost:NA

The 1994 Pegos Claros Tinto is all oak-aged Castelão, although exact information was not available on this library wine. This is certainly showing its age, with some mature nuances and a touch of oxidation, but it also shows very well overall. It is much better on the palate than the oxidized nose, suggesting that it needs to be drunk soon. It is still solid in the mid-palate and nicely textured, and it finishes with some vibrancy, some mild tannins. It is completely tertiary, of course. This is at a point where you have to like mature wines, but it certainly has plenty of life left. The flavors are not what you'd call fresh, but mature Castelão is often more interesting than younger versions. So, too, here. This isn't perfect, but I liked it a lot. Drink up—the structure is great, but the fruit is lagging a bit. The winery has but six bottles left.

This winery is a specialist in Castelão, the regional signature. It is also about all they have in the vineyard. They found small amounts of other things here and there, but they are close to 100%.