

1995 Pegos Claros

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Rating: 90

Drink: 2019-2028

Cost:NA

The 1995 Pegos Claros Tinto is all oak-aged Castelão, although exact information on oak aging was not available on this library wine. Much fresher in flavor and on the nose than its 1994 sibling in this minivertical, this also has more intensity in terms of structure. I do like this somewhat better, even though the 1994 was more sensually textured. Still, this powerful wine has miles to go in terms of structure. I'm less confident that the fruit will keep up. It already shows a touch of decay to go with some red fruit hints, and it won't be quite as interesting as the structure. There's a lot of power here, though, and the structure may help preserve it.

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%.