



## 1996 Pegos Claros

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Rating: 91

Drink: 2019- 2028

Cost:NA

The 1996 Pegos Claros Tinto is all oak-aged Castelão, although exact information on oak treatment was not available on this library wine. Of the three oldies, this was the freshest, although not necessarily the best, and the most powerful. It is tinged with a touch of licorice, and it, too, has some oxidative nuances, but it is so tightly wound that it has intriguing focus and precision on the finish. If anything, it seems a little closed at times. This is impressive in many ways, but a little mute, too, in its expression of fruit. It has a long life 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%.*