



2018 Pegos Claros Blanc de Noirs

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Rating: 91

Drink: 2019- 2026

Cost: \$28-30

The 2018 Blanc de Noirs Castelão Vinhas Velhas was aged for five months in an 80/20 mixture of new French oak and stainless steel. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. The average vine age here is a bit less than 80 years. Rather intense in flavor and structure, this has serious concentration and a big finish. This winery keeps finding new tricks for Castelão, its signature grape, and this one works great. It may well age better than anticipated.

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%.