



2012 Pegos Claros Grande Escolha

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Rating: 90

Drink: 2019- 2032

Cost: \$45-47

The 2012 Grande Escolha Pegos Claros Vinhas Velhas is all Castelão, aged for 12 months in a mixture of French and American oak barrels (first and second year). It comes in at 14% alcohol. When last seen, this seemed potentially super. It is still very good, showing good concentration and structure, with a bit of game in the background. At this point, though, I'd say I like the 2010 better, if for no reason other than its more sensual texture. This still has some chance to improve further in the cellar. It may age better than anticipated, but let's stay with this drinking window for the moment.

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%.