



## 2018 Pegos Claros Rose

Review by Mark Squires

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2019- 2021

Cost: \$13

The 2018 Rosé is a Castelão that had partial (20%) oak aging (five months in second use French barrels), the rest in 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 big red-fruit flavors and plenty of pop on the finish, plus very good concentration. A very serious pink with a long finish, this shows great and could be a red-wine substitute in warm weather. Some of the grapes harvested will be used for the white, while others go here—same selection, I'm told. This is a super value.

*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%.*