



2017 Nostalgia Alvarinho

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2018-2024

Cost: \$21-23

The 2017 Alvarinho Nostalgia is a late arriving Alvarinho, unoaked, without fizz, dry (1.5 grams of residual sugar, which seems to change notably in different vintages) and coming in at 13% alcohol. There is a strong mineral-driven aftertaste (a little enamel at times) that makes it less classic in its Alvarinho profile. This excels in structure, though. It is a tense, steely and focused Alvarinho that doesn't seem typical for 2017—a year when naturally there were very ripe wines and lower acidity levels. However they got from A to Z, this is ultimately pretty nice. Be warned—both its structure and its flavor profile mean that it is best used as a food pairing—not a stand-alone sipper. It has a chance to age reasonably well, but let's take that in stages. If it can evolve in terms of its flavor profile, it might be entitled to an upgrade in score—this is very young just now. There were 555 six-packs produced.