



2016 Insurgente

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2019-2026

Cost: \$16-18

The 2016 Insurgente is a 60/40 blend of Touriga Nacional and Alfrocheiro, unoaked and coming in at 14% alcohol. This, the second vintage of a Dão offering from this producer that has focused on Vinho Verde and Douro, has some similarity to the first vintage. There isn't a lot of concentration in a sense, but this is a silky wine with fine mid-palate finesse, some persistence on the finish and more than enough structure to support the fruit. It's a little tight just now, but the tannins are ripe. What I don't see at the moment is the same intensity of flavor that the 2015 had (although this 2016 might have a bit more concentration), but perhaps that will come as this wine evolves. In the meanwhile, this is a nice bargain, a classy red with a Burgundian feel for very modest money. With a few months in the cellar, it may equal or exceed the 2015. There were 2,400 six-packs produced.