



2019 Tyto alba Rose

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2020 - 2023

Cost: \$18-20

The 2019 Rosé Tyto Alba Vinhas Protegidas is a dry and equal blend of Merlot and Touriga Nacional, aged for five months in a 60/40 mixture of used French barriques and stainless steel. It comes in dry (0.7 grams of residual sugar and 5.56 grams of total acidity) and at 12.5% alcohol. A sturdy pink, this seems to project plenty of concentration, in part due to the wood treatment, I suspect. It still feels fresh, and it controls the wood perfectly. The flavors are dry and serious, not fruity or candied. It doesn't have a lot of personality, so if you're looking for exuberance and zest, this is not the one. The wood mutes the flavors and aromatics. This is, however, a pink that can be a red wine substitute in warm weather. It's nicely done, another consistent pink from the winery. They've pretty much hit a ceiling, with certain limitations, but it is a high ceiling. It's a solid pink at a reasonable price.