



2019 Desvios White DOC Douro

Review by Mark Squires

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Rating:89

Drink: 2021 - 2026

Cost:\$26 - 28

The 2019 Branco Desvios is a field blend from old vines aged for 12 months in 30% new French oak. It comes in at 13.2% alcohol. This, notwithstanding its wood, is surprisingly perky and fresh. That's not to say you can't taste any wood, only that the perky fruit mostly rises above it, and the acidity cuts through it as well. It's tasty, adequately concentrated and has some tension on the finish. Overall, in both fruit and structure, this is well done. Even as an oaked white, it has something of a lively feel to it, making it the most expressive of the producer's three Douro whites reviewed in this report, and my personal favorite. It will be interesting to see if it can develop a bit with a year or two of age. It has a chance—it is probably the only one of the three that does—but this is also pretty nice today. There were 900 three-packs produced.