



2019 Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas Reserva White DOC Douro

Review by Mark Squires

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2021 - 2026

Cost: \$20-22

The 2019 Branco Reserva is a field blend from old vines, very dry and aged for eight months in used French oak of varying ages (none new). It comes in at 13% alcohol. Initially, this was rather tight, a ball of fruit wrapped in a fist of used wood. It opened nicely, though, showing good fruit, good balance and a lingering finish. The fruit rose above the used wood. It's sturdy and serious, if not terribly personable. Of the producer's Douro whites, this might be the best food wine, but the livelier Desvios is probably my personal favorite. Reasonable minds might differ.