



2019 Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas Red DOC Douro

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2021-2028

Cost: \$12 - 14

The 2019 Tinto is a field blend from old vines, unoaked and coming in at 13.4% alcohol. A consistent overachiever, this always seems like a respectable Tinto for a very modest price. Its easy demeanor makes it a nice choice as a summer red too. You can drink it a few degrees cooler than normal if you wish. Either way, it manages to retain a serious feel instead being a fruity concoction. The concentration is just average, but its key concession tends to be in the area of structure; it's made to drink very young, and there's not much support for the fruit. Yet, it's tasty, filled with flavor, but never too much, and it lingers nicely on the finish. Balanced and clean, this is another fine offering that punches above its weight—just drink it on the younger side, no matter how long it theoretically lasts. It may well hold for most of this decade, but it's not likely to be as good in 2028 as it is today or next year.