



2016 Azul Portugal Branco Palmela

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Rating: 86

Drink: 2017-2019

Cost: \$11-12

The 2016 Branco Palmela is mostly Fernão Pires, with 15% Arinto, all unoaked and coming in at 12.5% alcohol. Although marketed under the Azul Portugal label for several brands from Saven, this is made at Casa Ermelinda Freitas. Fruity and easy, this fresh white tastes great but still finishes dry. Drink this as young as possible and it will be a pretty fine experience for the money, with the tasty conclusion never seeming sloppy or sweet. It won't reward aging, though, so dive in.