



2016 Maria Bonita

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2017-2021

Cost: \$12-13

The 2016 Maria Bonita Loureiro comes in with 7.4 grams per liter of residual sugar, 7.1 of total acidity and 10.5% alcohol. Notwithstanding over seven grams of sugar, the balance here makes this perceptibly dry. Despite that dry first taste, it has fine texture, good concentration and a pleasingly fruity conclusion, relatively speaking. This is another solid outing for this inexpensive Loureiro. It may have a little more depth than last year's version. It also seems a bit drier and more focused, granting that I do not have them side-by-side. For my tastes, which run more to structure and acidity, this is more interesting, but many will prefer the 2015. There is no wrong answer. This 2016 is a little shy in personality just now, lacking some expressiveness. Don't drink it too cold. It is a very nice deal that will probably drink well over the next few years. It may indeed be better in the spring of 2018.