



2016 Companhia das Lezírias Branco Tyto Alba

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2017-2022

Cost: \$18-20

The 2016 Branco Tyto Alba is a 60/40 blend of Fernão Pires and Arinto, aged for three months in new French oak. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. This requires an extra few bucks more than its sibling this issue. In return you get better concentration, a fuller feel in the mouth and something more suitable for food, as this has the stuffing to hold up to foods better. It handles its nominal oak treatment perfectly. You barely notice. As time goes on, this will hold better than its less expensive sibling, too. Overall, this is beautifully done, a worthy successor to the lovely 2015, perhaps even better. I'd like to see this develop a little complexity with some time in the cellar but it is drinking beautifully now. If it does actually improve, it might be entitled to an uptick. There were 2,650 six-packs produced.