



## 2015 Tyto Alba Merlot DOC Do Tejo

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2019-2027

Cost: \$29-30

The 2015 Merlot Tyto Alba was aged for 12 months in 20% new French oak (the rest ranging from second to sixth use). It comes in at 14% alcohol. As a late release, this is drinking well. Velvety and only slightly tinged with some of that new oak, this is well balanced and graceful. The concentration is about average, maybe a bit more. It's just a bit tight on the finish, but the tannins are mostly ripe and this opens up very quickly. You can drink it now. It will hold well for several more years, at the least, and it might be better next summer.

The price here spikes a bit, no doubt, because of the late release, but that's often worth paying for. This undoubtedly shows better today than it would have a few months after bottling.