



## 2017 Maria Bonita Loureiro

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2018 - 2021

Cost: \$12-13

The 2017 Maria Bonita Loureiro comes in with 6.1 grams of sugar and 6.7 of total acidity, plus 11% alcohol. There is no fizz. This is another super value in this brand. I hate to sound like a broken record, but it has been pretty consistent of late, even as the style changes. The happy news here is that it has been getting drier. While the sugar on paper is slightly elevated, the acidity easily counters it, leaving this just a little fruity but with a hint of austerity as well. It is also concentrated for the level. If I had a quibble, I've had better expressions of Loureiro. This is not a high-character bottling that will teach you to identify it in a blind tasting. However, this overachiever still seems to be the best one yet, granting that I do not have them all here side by side. It is hard to justify a higher rating since is not entirely clear how long it will stay at peak. Even with that and the character issue, this still remains a super bargain. Even if it has the structure to hold well for several years, I'd drink it on the younger side for safety.