



2021 Lua Cheia White D.O.C. Douro

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2022 - 2025

Cost: \$13-15

The 2021 Branco is a field blend from old vines, unoaked, very dry and coming in at 13% alcohol. Wonderfully fresh but perfectly balanced, this is a lighter-styled white that is fruity but bright, with a tasty finish. It's not terribly concentrated, but it is sensually textured on the finish, coats the palate and tastes great. Drink it young for best results, but this provides a lot of value for the money. It's been very consistent of late. This is another fine "bang for your buck" vintage. It can hold a few years, but you'll do best drinking this very young. Let's lean up for the moment, but it's fair to say this is just as attractive as the producer's Andreza Reserva for less money. I personally preferred this.