



2013 Herdade de Pegos Claros Reserva

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Rating: 90

Drink: 2017-2026

Cost: \$16-18

The 2013 Reserva Vinhas Velhas is all Castelão, aged for 12 months in a mixture of used French and American oak. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. Elegant and caressing in texture, this is fun to drink for a lighter-styled Tinto, but don't be fooled—there is also some grip on the end and it lingers nicely. Beautifully crafted, it shows waves of flavor to go with its finesse. It also controls the exuberant young Castelão (a high-personality grape) to some extent. Sometimes very understated and sometimes quite bold (namely, in flavor), this is a well-priced Reserva that is easy to keep drinking. There were 8,000 six-packs produced.