



2020 Pegos Claros Blanc des Noirs DOC Palmela

Review by Mark Squires

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2021 - 2027

Cost: \$28-30

The 2020 Blanc de Noirs Castelão Vinhas Velhas was aged for six months in a 65/35 mixture of stainless steel and new French oak. It comes in very dry and at 13.1% alcohol. The average vine age here is around 80 years. Deep and dense this year, the aggressive Castelão grape seems quite ripe and in full bloom. A little hard to handle just now, I suspect this will show better next spring or summer in 2022. It is certainly a full-bodied wine with a lot of personality that has some upside potential. No matter what happens, it is best used as a food wine, not a standalone sipper. There were 665 six-packs produced.