



2017 Tyto alba DOC Do Tejo

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2021 - 2026

Cost: \$21-23

The 2017 Tinto Tyto Alba is a blend of 40% Touriga Nacional, 40% Touriga Franca and 20% Alicante Bouschet, all aged for 12 months in a mixture of new and used French oak. It comes in at 13.7% alcohol. One of the more beautiful examples yet in this brand, this polished Tinto is fresh and expressive, an elegant wine that has a bright feel yet also very good fruit. There's not much power, so this can be drunk right now. It should still hold a reasonable time and it might improve over a couple of years, but this is one to drink young. A bit soft, it is unlikely to reward long aging, no matter how long it theoretically holds. While that gives it a ceiling in my view, it doesn't make it any less enjoyable now. Maybe it can prove me wrong in five years or so.