



2012 Companhia Das Lezirias 1836 Grande Reserva
A Blend Dry Red Table wine from Tejo, Portugal

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Rating: 89
Drink: 2015-2024
Cost: \$95

The 2012 "1836 Grande Reserva" is the debut vintage of this wine, not as yet imported. All old vine Alicante Bouschet, it was aged in new French oak for 14 months. It comes in at 15% alcohol. The first impression is all too clearly oak-derived nuances. It shows quite well otherwise, with finesse in the mid-palate, refined tannins and a pleasing finish. Tightening quickly with aeration, it will need a couple of years in the cellar to settle down for best results. By that time, hopefully, it will have absorbed the oak, too, and it may be entitled to a bit of an uptick. On its own, it has many merits, but its price point is going to be a deterrent.