



2009 Andreza Grande reserva DOC Douro red
A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Douro, Portugal

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Rating: 87
Drink 2013 - 2019
Cost: \$28-\$30

The 2009 Grande Reserva "Andreza" is a Touriga Nacional with 10% Touriga Franca blended in. The restraint and elegance evident on the regular reserva reviewed this issue is missing here. The oaky notes are powerful and although the wine has moderate tannins, it seems far more flamboyant and aggressive than the Reserva. The fruit is hard to find. Perhaps with some cellar time the oak will moderate. That said, it does otherwise have nice sensibilities, good balance and pleasing fruit, when you can find it. It is a little more intense than the regular Reserva. The extra backbone might bode well for the future, and may give it some chance to improve, but it does overall have the feeling of a wine that is trying too hard to justify the "Grande Reserva" designation. Although approachable now, it could use a year or so in the cellar to give it some time to absorb the oak. Drink 2013-2019. This is in the Wines and Winemakers by Saven stable. Note: The producer was formerly listed as Aguia de Moura, where the wines are made, with Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas just as the brand name. I-m advised that was because, when the bottling first launched, the paperwork had not been finalized on the creation of the Lua Cheia corporate entity. The Andreza line represents the upper level brand. This is part of the Wines and Winemakers series by Saven. There is no importer at this time..