



2011 Águia de Moura Garrafeira

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Douro, Portugal

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2015-2026

Cost: \$39-40

The 2011 Garrafeira is an Old Vines field blend aged for 12 months in new French oak. This is a current submission, a late release. It is good that it was held back awhile as it is still pretty tight. Yet, once past the initial tannic hit, it showed caressing texture and fine fruit, too. Initially seeming quite refined and sophisticated with its elegant mid-palate, it was mightily impressive. After a couple of hours of aeration, it didn't finish as impressively as it started. For one thing, it changed to an oak-dominated wine. That may get better in time and this should have some time. If the tannins are slightly ahead just now, they never become so aggressive as to overwhelm the wine. That, too, should get better. There were also hints of game and a touch of charred beef as it aired out. Overall, this is rather pretty this year, but it started stronger than it finished after aeration and the mid-palate may not have quite as much concentration as it initially seemed to have. It is worth being conservative just now; it may eventually be entitled to an uptick.