



## 2014 Companhia Das Lezirias Branco Escolha Herdade de Catapereiro

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Tejo, Portugal

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2015-2017

Cost: \$12-14

The 2014 Branco Escolha Herdade de Catapereiro is an unoaked blend of 70% Fernão Pires and 30% Sauvignon Blanc. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol and 9.5 grams per liter of residual sugar. Despite the grand labeling, this is a value-oriented white. Also, despite that high level of residual sugar, it doesn't really taste sweet, exactly. Very fruity, yes. It has a ripe and tasty conclusion with what seems to be sweet fruit, but not pure sugar. The acidity here was obviously pretty good as the wine is nicely balanced. It has good aromatics as well, which gives it a refreshing feel. It may not be the most intellectual blend ever, but it tastes great, will make many swoon at picnics and it should go well both with food and on its own. At the price point, it is a nice bargain in an easy-drinking white with some substance. Drink it young, even if it can hold, because wines like this don't always stay at peak that long. Being fresh is what this does best.