



2014 Companhia Das Lezirias Escolha Catapereiro

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Tejo, Portugal

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Rating: 87

Drink: 2015-2024

Cost: \$12-14

The 2014 Escolha Catapereiro is a single-vineyard blend of 40% Alicante Bouschet and 60% Aragonez, aged for six months in new French oak. It comes in at 14% alcohol. This has impressive concentration for its level and quite a bit of power. Showing far more oak than the modest numbers would suggest, though, its character is currently subsumed by new wood. This might actually age well enough to allow it to absorb more oak, in which case it might even be entitled to an uptick in score. In the meanwhile, if you are not overly oak-averse, this still delivers a pretty serious wine for a very modest price.