



## **2012 Herdade de Pegos Claros Grande Escolha Pegos Claros Vinhas Velhas**

A Castelao Dry Red Table wine from Palmela, Portugal

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Rating: 91

Drink: 2017-2032

Cost: \$38-40

The 2012 Grande Escolha Pegos Claros Vinhas Velhas is all Castelão, aged for 12 months in a mixture of French and American oak barrels (first and second year). Rather too affected by oak just now, this is a wine that is elegant in the mid-palate while showing good structure and balance. The flavor nuances are too flamboyant, though, partly because of that oak and to some extent because of the exuberant, young Castelão. As I retried it on Day 2 and let it air out then for a couple of hours, it became far more interesting, fleshing out, showing some power and hints of complexity to come. It is very young, though. Your best bet is to sock this away for a few years to let it pull in some oak and start to show something a bit more serious. Note: This is not currently imported; the price is simply an estimate.