



### **2012 Herdade de Pegos Claros Pegos Claros**

A Castelao Frances Dry Red Table wine from Palmela, Portugal

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2016-2027

Cost: \$13

The 2012 Pegos Claros Tinto is all Castelão, with about half the juice aged for 12 months in a mixture of French and American oak (second and third use). At the price point, this is a nice value, assuming it ever gets here at anything like that price. Solid and powerful on opening, it is a Castelão with focus and intensity. Keeping the candied nuances out of the wine, it shows very well at times, but it could clearly use another year in the cellar. The flavor is a bit muted here, but it does pop up as the wine airs out and becomes more expressive. This regular Tinto is not yet imported.