



**2012 Herdade de Pegos Claros Reserva Vinhas Velhas**  
A Castelao Frances Dry Red Table wine from Palmela, Portugal

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Rating: 90  
Drink: 2016-2032  
Cost: \$15

The 2012 Reserva Vinhas Velhas is all Castelão, aged for 12 months in a mixture of French and American oak (second and third use). This is a big boy, showing fine concentration of fruit and excellent structure, but also good balance. Finishing with that burst of flavor for which this grape is known, it performs beautifully. It should have a long life ahead, acquiring character and complexity as it ages. It's a super value in a wine that can be aged (perhaps even better than expected) and the price seems right.