



### **2008 Horta da Palha Touriga Nacional Alentejano red**

A Touriga Nacional Dry Red Table wine from Alentejano, Portugal

Review by Mark Squires

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Rating: 86

Drink: 2011 - 2017

Cost: \$20-\$22

The 2008 Touriga Nacional “Horta da Palha” was aged for 6 months in French oak. Earthy, with a touch of game and brief overlay of oak, this comes around fairly quickly in terms of integrating the cream and vanilla and becomes rather pointed and focused. This does have some flavor complexity, but its earthy demeanor, which becomes obvious after some aeration, may not make everyone happy. In the few months between my first taste of this in Portugal and retasting it at home, the oak receded dramatically and the wine seemed to develop dramatically into what we see now. Tasted twice in the USA, it may be a more controversial wine now – some may really appreciate its character, and some may find it a bit off-putting. Drink now-2017. Importer: Ararat Import Export Co., Raleigh, N.C.; tel. (919) 212-3313.