



2014 Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas Branco

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Douro, Portugal

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2015-2018

Cost: \$12

The 2014 Branco is an unoaked, old-vines field-blend, coming in at 12.5% alcohol. I'm not quite sure how Lua Cheia keeps delivering these terrific bargains, but this bottling is certainly Exhibit A. A quick taste of the wine does not suggest a \$12 Suggested Retail Price ("SRP"). Showing more than adequate concentration for this price level, it does a nice job of feeling full in the mouth. It adds an earthy, mineral-nuanced finish. If it is not quite as impressive with extended aeration and warmth, it does pretty much everything else beautifully. Impeccably balanced, fresh, clean and tasty, this exceeds expectations and touches all the bases. It is always a question how long it will remain at peak, but drink it young and you'll be happy. It's a can't-miss bargain.

This winery, part of the Wines & Winemakers by Saven group, manages to provide terrific values on a regular basis, particularly in white. This being June, here are some white selections for you. They are pretty much can't-miss bargains in their styles.