



2015 Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas Branco

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Douro, Portugal

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2016 - 2021

Cost: \$12

The 2015 Branco is an old-vines field blend, dry, unoaked and coming in at 12.5% alcohol. I'm not sure I have had a better version of this label than in 2015. If last year's version made me wonder how Lua Cheia could afford to do this at this price point, this one has me even more puzzled. Granted, it is not big, powerful wine. However, the texture is velvety and caressing. The wine has ample depth. I've certainly seen Blancos at triple the price that had no more. It has a lingering finish with controlled flavor. It is simply impossible to resist just now. Now, I will emphasize what I said last year: "It is always a question how long it will remain at peak, but drink it young and you'll be happy." If it falls off, so be it. In the meanwhile, you will think you got quite a big bargain. You may even think I underrated it.