



2014 Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas Escolha Maria Papoila
A Proprietary Blend Medium Dry White Table wine from Vinho Verde, Portugal

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Rating: 89
Drink: 2015-2018
Cost: \$20

The 2014 Escolha Maria Papoila is an unoaked blend of 70% Loureiro and 30% Alvarinho. It comes in at 10.3 grams per liter of residual sugar and 11.5% alcohol. Showing reasonably dry, notwithstanding that hit of sugar, the zesty acidity here is a more dominant note than the sugar on this rather serious Vinho Verde. Bright and lively, with a bit of a lemon tinge on the finish in its youth, it has fine texture and a juicy, flavorful finish, but only average concentration. I never would've guessed it had that much sugar. Call it a normal table white, a regular wine rather than a stereotypical Vinho Verde. There is no fizz, either. It's quite solid. It should drink very well over the next year or two, perhaps more.

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.