



2013 Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas Alvarinho Nostalgia "10 Barricas"

A Alvarinho Dry White Table wine from Vinho Verde, Portugal

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Rating: 90

Drink: 2015-2018

Cost: \$45

The 2013 Alvarinho Nostalgia "10 Barricas" is the debut vintage of the oaked Nostalgia, not yet imported. It was sourced from the winery's oldest vines and aged for 10 months in used French oak. An unoaked version of this wine was previously seen (Issue 214), but the big difference here, clearly, is those 10 barrels. The acidity slices through the oak and it seems rather dense and concentrated. As it airs and warms, the oak comes into rather good balance with the fruit and acidity. There is more oak-impact on texture and finish than flavor. Overall, this is far more gripping on the finish than the unoaked version and has the acidity to survive some barrels, but it sacrifices some purity of fruit in favor of power and concentration. Some may prefer this incarnation, others won't. It works rather well, though, and this version will certainly hold up better to stronger foods. There were 1,126 cases produced.