



2013 Lua Cheia Em Vinhas Velhas Alvarinho Nostalgia

A Alvarinho Dry White Table wine from Vinho Verde, Portugal

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2014-2018

Cost: \$21-23

The 2013 Alvarinho Nostalgia was recently seen, but it's worth another look as it is a bit unusual and has come together well with a few extra months in the bottle. It is an old-vines Alvarinho, tank-aged. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. The tension and complexity are better now, the finish showing penetration and persistence. Bright and crisp, it is quite attractive in its style. This still has a touch of grapefruit and some melon mingling on the finish, but the key here is its herbaceous demeanor. It has the feel of an early-picked, slightly underripe wine, the green nuances being fairly obvious. That herbaceous character sets this apart and it won't be everyone's cup of tea. I can recall some people over the years disdaining Alvarinho that tastes a bit like Sauvignon Blanc. It's a fair point. That said, if you take it just as wine it is well structured, reasonably concentrated and wonderfully invigorating. It is likely to hold reasonably well for a few years, too. It's a perfect warm-weather wine. Drink now-2018.