



### **2013 Companhia Das Lezirias Merlot Tyto Alba**

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Tejo, Portugal

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Rating: 89

Drink: 2017- 2024

Cost: \$219

The 2013 Merlot Tyto Alba is was aged in French oak for 12 months (20% new). The structure is very good and the mid-palate has finesse is as well. That said, the oak is a bit too prominent just now. It is rather hard to find much Merlot character in there anywhere when the oak is combined with the tannins. This should improve in the cellar, but it really needs a couple of years to have that chance. Give it the time if you can. It showed far better with an hour or so of aeration. Its elegant mid-palate and fine backbone will serve it in good stead.