



2015 Companhia Das Lezirias Rosé "Tyto Alba"

A Proprietary Blend Dry Rose Table wine from Tejo, Portugal

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Rating: 88

Drink: 2016- 2018

Cost: \$18

The 2015 Rosé "Tyto Alba" is a 50/50 blend of Merlot and Touriga Nacional, dry and aged for five months in well-used French oak. It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. This is a lovely Merlot, pale in color, unctuous in texture and rather solid in the mid-palate. Dry and serious, it should drink very well with food this summer. That said, the vinification with wood does cause it to lose some perkiness and liveliness that it might have had. If what you want is a solid red substitute to pair with food in the warm summer, this is perfect—but it won't be as fresh and as enlivening as some other styles.