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2022 MARIA PAPOILA LOUREIRO/ALVARINHO

Review by Mark Squires
RobertParker.com # End of May 2023
Rating: 89
Drink: 2023-2027
Cost: \$16-18

The 2022 Maria Papoila Loureiro & Alvarinho is a 70/30 blend of Loureiro and Alvarinho, with 6.7 grams per liter of residual sugar, 7.4 of total acidity and 11.1% alcohol. As with the Maria Bonita Loureiro, there is good balancing acidity for the slightly elevated sugar level. This is not bone dry, but it doesn't show sweet at all and it maintains some crispness. Then, the Alvarinho component also makes this more substantial. It actually shows surprising depth in terms of mouthfeel. There's a lingering finish, tasty fruit and a bit of power. This is a little more interesting than the Loureiro, as well as more substantial, but it doesn't quite have the aromatics that the monovarietal Loureiro has. Reasonable minds might make different choices, especially when the Loureiro is less expensive, but they are both nicely done at reasonable price points. I'd pick this, and it should also age a bit better. Most won't care, though, about aging. Today, the decision is closer than it will be in a year or two-expensive, but they are both nicely done at reasonable price points. I'd pick this, and it should also age a bit better. Most won't care, though, about aging. Today, the decision is closer than it will be in a year or two.

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2020 ANDREZA RESERVA RED

Review by Mark Squires
RobertParker.com # End of May 2023
Rating: 88
Drink: 2023-2028
Cost: \$19-21

The 2020 Reserva Andrezza is a blend of 45% Touriga Franca, 30% Touriga Nacional and 25% Tinta Roriz, all aged for 10 months in a 70/30 mixture of used French oak and stainless steel. It comes in at 13.8% alcohol. A solid effort, this elegant red shows purity of fruit in a polished presentation. It's easy to approach and drink now. It's friendly and it tastes great. I'm less impressed with its structure, and its future may not show a lot of improvement, but right now, this is a nice drink at a nice price. It should, in particular, make a good restaurant wine or house pour.

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2022 MARIA BONITA LOUREIRO

Review by Mark Squires
RobertParker.com # End of May 2023
Rating: 88
Drink: 2023-2025
Cost: \$13-15

The 2022 Maria Bonita Loureiro comes in with 5.2 grams of residual sugar, 7.1 of total acidity, plus 10.6% alcohol. The slightly elevated sugar just balances the acidity. You get a fruitier wine, but it's nowhere near a sweet one. In fact, there is a slight hint of tartness that gives this a crisp edge too. In bottle about 10 weeks when tasted, this seemed in fine shape. In fact, its exuberance was very appealing. It shows off the typical aromatics and flavors of the grape, and it tastes great. This is your classic summer white. Enjoy it young, like this summer or next, even though it might hold a few years. For the moment, let's lean up a little.

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2022 LUA CHEIA ROSÉ

Review by Mark Squires
RobertParker.com # End of May 2023
Rating: 88
Drink: 2023-2025
Cost: \$13-15

The 2022 Rosé is a field blend from old vines (around 40+ years), unoaked, very dry and coming in at just 12.6% alcohol. Perhaps a bit more substantial than last year's but not quite as vibrant, this should do a good job as a pairing for foods. It will also do well on its own. It seems solid enough, although elegant, fresh and tinged with a touch of dried black cherries and plums. It's always in a fairly serious vein, meaning that it is never too fruity or candied. This is another nice bargain. It should be consumed very young for best results, but it can hold a bit. It's worth leaning up a bit on it today.

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2021 ANDREZA RESERVA WHITE

Review by Mark Squires
RobertParker.com # End of May 2023
Rating: 87
Drink: 2023-2027
Cost: \$19-21

The 2021 Reserva Branco Andrezza is a 60/40 blend of Viosinho and Verdelho, partly (30%) aged for eight months in used French oak. It comes in at 12.6% alcohol. Fresh and friendly, this has a tinge of wood, but it is mostly a well balanced white with a little bite on the finish. It will be easy to drink on its own, but it has just enough solidity to hold up to lighter foods. As a Reserva, this is a little underwhelming, but as a reasonably priced white, it works well. Drink it on the younger side for best results.

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GOLD



1836 Grande Reserva
White Wine - D.O.C. Do Tejo 2021

"Elegant yellow fruit with mineral aromas, spicy undertones and hints of citrus. Lovely texture, very elegant mouthfeel. Lively acidity and mineral on the finish."



Séries Singulares Colheita Tardia
White Wine - D.O.C. Do Tejo 2021

"Pristine and buttered notes of cut lime, pear, lychees, Turkish delight, butterscotch and hints of figs. Harmonious on the palate, lovely acidity and spicy finish."



SILVER



Andrezza Reserva
White Wine - D.O.C. - Douro 2021

"Citrus fruit aromas of grapefruit with some stone fruit on the nose, flinty nuances. Silky and smooth, with a mineral finish."



1836 Grande Reserva
Red Wine - D.O.C. Do Tejo 2020

"Chocolatey nose with aromas of red cherry and smoky meat, some sweet spice undertones. Well polished tannins, very persistent finish."



Andrezza Reserva
Red Wine - D.O.C. Douro 2020

"Attractive blackberry fruit with notes of fresh herbs, coffee and blue flowers. Lively acidity, showing a firm tannins backbone."

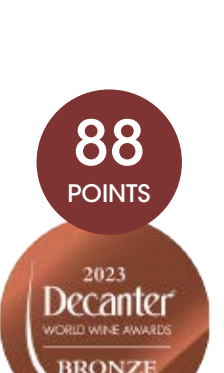


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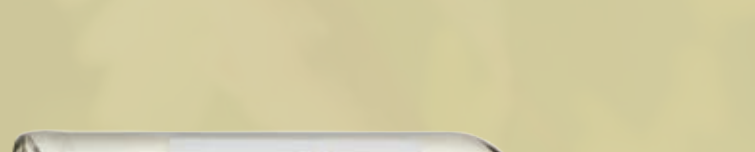
Séries Singulares Moscatel Galego
White Wine - D.O.C. Do Tejo 2020

"Perfumed nose of orange peel, marigold flowers and gentle ginger, hints of tarragon. Dry finish."



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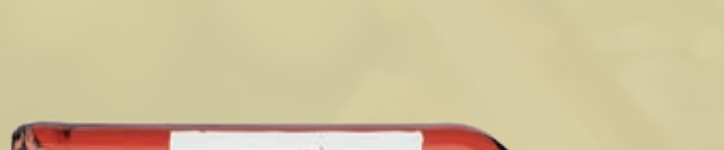
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