

# Wine Enthusiast August 2020

ROGER VOSS

Here is a sneak preview of the latest wine reviews by the prestigious Portuguese wine expert Roger Voss.



91  
points

### Andreza Reserva Red DOC Douro 2017

"The fresh iron and juicy wine has layers of black fruits and ripe tannins. Despite its dark berry and spice, and its fine balance between acidity and fruit the wine still has some developing to do. Drink from 2021."



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points

### Tyto alba Merlot DOC Do Tejo 2018

"This is a fine old-fashioned wine. It has power as well as great black fruits and moderate tannins. Its layer of tannins is already integrated and pointing to a fine mature future. Drink from 2021."



90  
points

### Lua Cheia em Vinhas Velhas Red DOC Douro 2018

"Made from a field blend of grapes from old vines, the wine is subtle concentrated with dark black fruits and soft dense tannins. It does already have a balance between structure and fruit that will tell it to keep further Drink from 2021."



90  
points

### Tyto alba Moscatel Galego DOC Do Tejo 2019

"Dry Moscatel has a wonderful perfumed character, as with this wine. The fullness and pink grapefruit notes are short though with a foxy, spicy character that hints at tannins. Drink this exciting wine from late 2020."



88  
points

### Tyto alba Rose DOC Do Tejo 2019

"This smooth, ripe wine has been in wood for a short period. That has had the effect of softening the acidity and pushing up the soft fruits into a rounded wine. The wine is ready to drink."

## TAKE A LOOK AT THE LATEST WINE REVIEWS BY MARK SQUIRES FOR ROBERTPARKER.COM

Robert Parker created the original rating system with the first issue of The Wine Advocate, and it remains unchanged to this day. The Wine Advocate takes a hard, very critical look at wine. Get to know the latest scores here.



### 2016 PEGOS CLAROS GRANDE ESCOJHA

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 89  
Drink: 2020-2026  
Cost: \$35-36

The 2016 Grande Escolja Pegos Claros Vinhas Velhas is a Castella aged for 12 months in a mixture of new and second-use French oak. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. This is sourced from the winery's oldest vines, conventional plots. This is Castella so you know that you will get a wine with big flavors to the point where some will prefer something more subtle. This is shock-full of red fruits, especially strawberries. It has some diacetylic nuances if sniffing the glass. It often more exuberant than Grandeja. That said it shows of structure too. This has beautiful structure, with moderate tannins and excellent balance, and it is likely to age well as they age. They occur more definition, complexity and subtle. This looks like a beauty. The tannins are ripe enough that you could drink it now if you had to, but that could be a mistake. I would give it at least another year or two in the cellar to integrate its parts better. For max notes, it might not hit anything resembling peak for another four to six years. We'll take the aging curve in stages just now, but it might hold even better than suggested. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020

### 2018 MARIA BONITA BARRICA LOUREIRO

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 89  
Drink: 2020-2027  
Cost: \$43-46

The 2018 Maria Bonita Barrica Loureiro is dry, crisp and comes in at 11.5% alcohol. It was aged for eight months in used French oak and comes in with 0.8 grams of residual sugar and 7.1 of total acidity. In flavor and power on the finish, this is impressive. It seems to project good concentration and power for the grape. That said, it retains most the personality of the aromatic grape varieties along the way. As a general white wine, this seems great. As a Loureiro, it will be less fun for people. Still, drink this with a meal, and you'll be happy. It has many virtues. Perhaps it might develop a bit more in the cellar. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020



### 2017 ANDREZA RESERVA

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 87  
Drink: 2020-2026  
Cost: \$16-18

The 2017 Reserva Andreza has 40% Touriga Franca, with Touriga Nacional, Trincadeira and Tinta Barroca equally dividing the rest of the blend, as is typical. It comes in at 13.5% alcohol. It was aged in a 70/30 mixture of used French oak and stainless steel for 10 months. Fresh and easy, this is better balanced, perhaps, from the winery's regular Tinto. This issue, but it looks that wine's solidly and without but. Unless you really have to have the oak, there isn't a lot of reason to trade up. The oak changes the texture, to be sure, but this does control the wood very well. It's hardly an oak bomb. Overall, both wines show well, but the regular Tinto is a better value. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020

### 2019 LUA CHEIA EM VINHAS VELHAS BRANCO

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 88  
Drink: 2020-2024  
Cost: \$13-14

The 2019 Branco is a field blend from old vines, unoaked, very dry and coming in at 13.5% alcohol. It has been a consistent and overachieving value source in its youth. If you hold it for several years, you may get a different answer, to be sure, but when it is both and young, it certainly pours out of the glass well. Heavy concentrated for this price level, this adds exuberance (but dry) fruit and a nice finish. It's clean, both and tasty. It will drink great this summer and next. I have my doubts as to how well it will hold over the winter and next. It certainly will not second extended cellaring. There were 13,000 stonks produced. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020



### 2018 LUA CHEIA EM VINHAS VELHAS TINTO

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 87  
Drink: 2020-2027  
Cost: \$13-14

The 2018 Tinto is a field blend from old vines, unoaked and coming in at 13.5% alcohol. In its youth, the over-oaked seems very ripe and richly concentrated in its nose. There's a lot of cherry but because it shows off a well-matched concentration of flavors. There's a lot of cherry but as a number too. It is delicious yet dry and serious too. It seems even a little bigger than the 2017 growing that both are not have together. I was not certain that being bigger was a good thing here, but now I see how the structure, the tannins are ripe, but there's some grip, and the full finger-rippy. This is a beauty an overachiever in its youth. (I usually is.) This lets me see that it will hold some for all of its usual life, so don't hesitate to drink it in its first few years. There were 13,000 stonks produced. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020

### 2019 TYTO ALBA MOSCATEL GALEGO

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 90  
Drink: 2020-2025  
Cost: \$35-36

The 2019 Moscatel Galego Tyto Albas is unoaked and very dry (0.8 grams of sugar and eight of total acidity). It comes in at 12.5% alcohol. It has tension and crispness to spare, landing with a bit of mouth-pucker on the finish in its youth. Fragrant, with minty hints, this follows onto the palate with a touch of green eucalyptus. The fruit is fresh, and the juicy finish is mouthwatering, fun and energetic. This is great choice for a summer refreshment. If you like crisp wines, of course. The concentration is not as impressive, but this still has a good chance to hold well for several years if you must hold it. It's worth leaning up on it today. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020



### 2019 TYTO ALBA ROSE

Review by Mark Squires  
RobertParker.com # 249 End of June 2020  
Rating: 87  
Drink: 2020-2025  
Cost: \$18-20

The 2019 Rosé Tyto Albas Vinhas Velhas is a dry and equal blend of Merlot and Touriga Nacional, aged for five months in a 60/40 mixture of used French barriques and stainless steel. It comes in dry (0.7 grams of residual sugar and 5.88 grams of total acidity) and at 12.8% alcohol. A sturdy pink, this seems to project plenty of concentration in part due to the wood treatment. I suspect it still feels fresh, and it controls the wood perfectly. The flavors are dry and serious, not fluffy or candied. It doesn't have a lot of personality so if you're looking for exuberance and zip, this is not the one. The wood makes the flavors and aromatics. This is however a pink that seems to add some subtle life in warm weather. It's nicely done, another consistent pick from the winery. They're pretty much hit a ceiling, with certain limitations, but it is a high ceiling. It's a solid pick of a respectable price. In [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), June 2020



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Regional Alentejana  
2018



Pegos Claros Blanc de Noir  
DOC Palmela  
2018



Tyto alba Rose  
DOC Do Tejo  
2019



Tyto alba Moscatel Galego  
DOC Do Tejo  
2019