



NV Filipa Pato 3B Brut Nature

Rating

89

Release Price

\$16 - 18

Drink Date

2012 - 2016

Producer: Filipa Pato

From: Portugal

Color: Rosé

Type: Sparkling

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Sparkling

Variety: Proprietary Blend

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The NV ROSE "3B" references Baga, Bical and the "B" region as the label amusingly says (Bairrada is the third "B, although evidently that can't be on the label due to appellation rules). Not only is this pink, it is rather dark in color (relatively—I am not talking about the sparkling Shiraz we see sometimes in Australia!). Toasty, crisp, pure and clean, this still has lovely intensity of flavor on the finish and a sunny feel. Coming in at only 12.5% alcohol, it seems pretty substantial and lingering to me, while remaining light on its feet. Underneath the fruit, there is a hint of earth that makes this more appealing and gives it both character and a little complexity. This is really hard to resist, the fine fruit mingling with the intensity and structure. The acidity should let it age awhile, although Pato says it is anticipated to hold only 2-3 years. She says that the 2008 is still quite fine at the moment. Note: while this is a non-vintage wine, if you look carefully on the lower left of the back label you will see "L2011C," which identifies the bottling reviewed. Drink now-2016. Filipa is her father's daughter, which means there is a lot of tradition here as well as creativity. From Bical to fortified Baga, this is a diversified and intriguing lineup. Importers: IPO Wines, New York, N.Y.; tel: (212) 243-9463; Wine Wise, Oakland, CA; tel: (510) 848-6879; Oz Wines, Haverhill, MA; tel: (978) 373-9463