



2015 Filipa Pato Nossa Calcario

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Filipa Pato
96	\$38	2021 - 2043	From: Portugal , Beiras , Bairrada
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Mark Squires	28th Feb 2018	235, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2015 Nossa Calcario red is a Baga (although in the past, I've been told that among the old vines there are tiny amounts of other varieties) from three vineyards with an average vine age of 80 years, aged in used French and Slavonian oak for 18 months. It comes in at just 12% alcohol. This is a fine representation of the vintage and the region. Showing impeccable balance, silky texture, grace and wonderful mid-palate finesse, it has that hard-to-find ability to be elegant, but it's never thin. It resembles a fine Barbaresco in many ways. It is also very fresh, the natural acidity of Baga coming to the foreground, mingling with small hits of wood and some fruitier nuances. The wood blows off quickly; those opening nuances are very minor. With time, they simply seem to disappear. Tasting this a second time, it seemed a bit sharp and tart. When I tasted it the first time, the context was different—namely, it was next to the Missão reviewed this issue, which seemed much tarter. This "normal" Nossa red is just Baga, though. The big hit of acidity does not overwhelm the wine. It lifts the fruit and lets it linger on the finish. It makes this very refreshing and a pleasure to drink. With about 90 minutes of aeration, this Nossa red also fleshes out in the glass and seems not only more substantial but more precise. It also shows more power. It is far more impressive than. It's a wine that will need food when it is ready—and it clearly is not quite ready. If you're a masochist, dive in now. It's not impossible, but it's not advisable either. This is hardly a mass market product, so don't waste your bottles. It should age well, needless to say, and develop complexity in time. If you crack it now, give it 90 minutes in a decanter first. This looks like a potential superstar. It's worth leaning up just now. You'll feel refined and sophisticated drinking it, because it certainly is both of those things. There were just 4,310 bottles produced, plus 181 magnums.

Sweetness: Dry

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