

2019 Filipa Pato Nossa Calcário

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Filipa Pato
95	\$39	2023 - 2041	From: Portugal , Beiras , Bairrad
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Mark Squires	30th Nov 2022	End of November 2022, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2019 Nossa Calcário red is a Baga from old vines. It was aged for 18 months in second-use French oak and comes in at 12.7% alcohol. This is hardly a big, blockbuster-style wine with super-ripe fruit and lots of concentration. That's not really the grape or the region, and Pato tends to make a rather refined version. This sure does show you, though, what the difference is between this and something like the Post-Quercus or the D.N.M.C. reds also reviewed in this report. Here, there is more stuffing, for starters. It is not only fresh, silky, elegant and lively, but here there is also some tension on the finish. It coats the palate respectably, too, while the mid-palate nicely counters the acidity and ripe tannins. There's more tannic pop on the finish, though—a real backbone that will serve this in good stead as it ages. Baga does age well and this should, too, but it is made in a more approachable, less rustic style. If you want to drink this now you could, but that would be a bad mistake, as it is still a little disjointed. With a few years, it should become more harmonious and more interesting. There is no rush. It should hold at least for 20 years from the vintage date, probably more. It's a silky beauty.

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Sweetness: Dry

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