



2017 Filipa Pato Nossa Missão

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Filipa Pato
95	\$150	2022 - 2042	From: Portugal , Beiras , Bairrada
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
Mark Squires	29th Jan 2021	End of January 2021, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2017 Nossa Missão is a single-vineyard Baga from 130+-year-old pre-phylloxera vines on limestone soils. It was aged for 18 months in used Austrian oak and comes in at just 12.7% alcohol. Stunning again, this layered Baga adds some depth to the Nossa Calcario this issue, but that's a very relative comment. It remains refined, beautifully balanced and surprisingly sexy for Baga. The mid-palate finesse is impressive. The wood shows a bit just now, but that will get better. While the tannins are ripe and you can in theory drink this understated Baga now, holding it for a few years to allow it to develop more complexity and pull in the wood is a great idea. You've been warned. The next day it was more about the fruit, though, and it showed off delectable cherry flavors that made it very hard to resist. If your vision of Baga is rustic and unapproachable when young, this will be a different approach for you. This is pretty great, but it's not quite all it can be yet. It's worth leaning up for the moment, but it does have to finish evolving in the cellar to reach its potential. There were 500 bottles and 69 magnums produced. Note: There will be no 2018. William Wouters said that 2018 produced a very small crop and all of the juice from the 0.57-hectare Missão vineyard was blended into the Nossa Calcario 2018.

Sweetness: Dry
Type: Table
Variety: Baga