

2021 Filipa Pato Nossa Missão

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ROBERT PARKER GREEN EMBLEM SINCE 2023

Producer:

Filipa Pato

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Wine Region:

Portugal

Beiras

Bairrada

Variety:

Baga

Color / Type / Sweetness:

RED / TABLE / DRY

Maturity:

EARLY

 Certified:

BIODYNAMIC / ORGANIC

Importers Information:

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Release Price:

Drink Date:

Mark Squires

\$160

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The 2021 Nossa Missão is a single-vineyard Baga from 130+-year-old pre-phylloxera vines. It was aged for 18 months in 600-liter Stockinger second-use Austrian casks and comes in at 12.5% alcohol. The producer's Baga tends to lean to refined and polished, as Baga goes, but this is the bottling of theirs that I feel most projects some old-school traits. This brand is earthier and a bit more tannic as a rule, but it's still not out of control in any way. This year's version is rather more approachable, although there is still firmness on the finish. There is always attention to mid-palate finesse, and that is true this year too. The finesse makes this seem very graceful. The wood imparts no vanilla, but there is some lushness to go with the silky texture. It becomes fresher with aeration. If there is somewhat modest mid-palate depth, there is also that sense of refinement and concentrated fruit too. It's not quite as hard-edged as some other years have been, but it is perhaps even more acidity-driven. Overall, it's beautiful. This may be ready to drink a bit earlier than some, although it could still use some time to settle down, evolve and gain additional complexity. You could dive in now if you really wanted to, but you'd be better off waiting a few years. That will let it develop and strut its stuff. Can it hit another level? It has a good chance, assuming you cooperate and give it a few years; we'll see what it looks like in 2030. I will say that the taste I had at four hours open was a lot more interesting and gripping than the first pour. The longer I had it open, the more I liked it. It will hold very well, perhaps better than indicated, so there's no rush.