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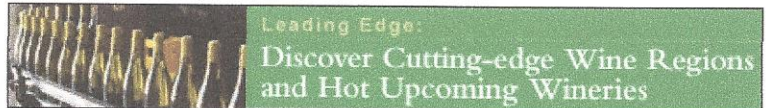
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2011 Luis Louro Alento Adega Do Monte Branco

Luis Louro

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Alentejano, Portugal

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eRobertParker.com #204 Dec 2012	Mark Squires	86	Drink: 2012 - 2016	\$16 (16)

The 2011 ALENTO "ADEGA DO MONTE BRANCO" is 40% each of Aragonez and Trincadeira, with 10% each of Alicante Bouschet and Touriga Nacional, fermented in tank. Clean, pure and bright, this is a friendly little wine that is fresh and vibrant. I loved the juicy and flavorful finish. It is simply delicious and wholly unpretentious. Admittedly, there is very little concentration here, but there is structure—at the moment, it is even a bit tight on the finish—and in its youth it is certainly especially charming and pure, hard to resist. I have to lean up a bit on this. I suspect it will be at its best over the next year or so, perhaps two. I don't see a lot of upside to cellaring it, even if holds just fine. Grab it now and you may think it exceeds expectations by quite a bit. Drink it just a little cool, low to mid-60s. Drink now-2016.

This winery is Luis Louro's, son of Miguel Louro, who helms the family run operation Quinta do Mouro, one of Alentejo's great estates.

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