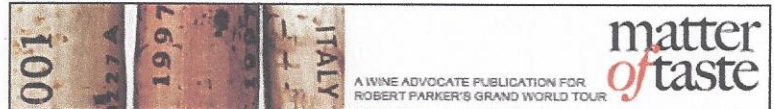


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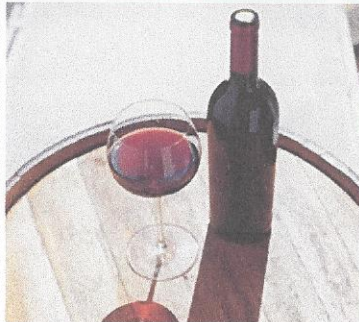
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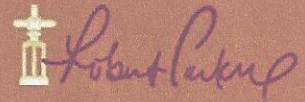
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2011 Luis Louro Reserva Alento Adega Do Monte Branco

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Portugal, Alentejano, Portugal

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The 2011 Reserva Alento-Adega do Monte Branco is revisited this issue for a checkup. It is coming along beautifully. A blend of 40% each of Aragonez and Alicante Bouschet, with 10% each of Touriga Nacional and Syrah, it was tank-fermented and then aged for one year in new French oak. Fresh and clean now, having pulled in its oak beautifully, it now shows off its delightful fruit and a bit of tannic pop. At least until I saw the 2011 Monte Branco red (the top-of-the-line bottling also reviewed this issue) at the winery, I was ready to declare this the best red yet from the winery. It is deserving of an uptick. Drink now-2022.

This winery is owned by Luis Louro, who also helps run his family's estate, Quinta do Mouro, perhaps Alentejo's finest winery. Like Mouro, Adega do Monte Branco's terroir is also in the Estremoz sub-region. Luis Louro said, "I have 26 hectares of vineyards leased around Estremoz, completely separate from Mouro. Two small parcels with 4 hectares each in clay soils, and one with 18ha in schist soil."

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The 2011 Reserva Alento Adega do Monte Branco is a blend of 40% each of Aragonez and Alicante Bouschet, with 10% each of Touriga Nacional and Syrah, tank-fermented and then aged for one year in new French oak. This is quite lovely, probably the best wine I've yet seen from Luis Louro at his Alento operation (the son of Miguel Louro, he also works in his family's well-known winery, Quinta do Mouro). I hope I'm not underrating it - when the oak settles down, it may yet be entitled to an uptick. Beautifully constructed, lifted and flavorful, it is wine that has reasonable depth, lots of personality, good structure and a fresh feel to it. It mostly handles the oak, too, and that should only get better. It should be approachable now, but it can develop more harmony and complexity (the latter of which it particularly needs) with a year or two in the cellar. Drink now-2021.

This is not yet imported, although the winery has other wines brought in by Langdon-Shiverick.