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### 2010 Luis Louro 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	88	Drink: 2012 - 2019	
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The 2010 "MONTE BRANCO" is a blend of Alicante Bouschet, Aragonez and Syrah, aged in new French oak for 1 year. This is Luis' new top wine. The Branco in the name references the Adega's name, of course, not the wine's color, so don't get confused. It is a Tinto. This is more obviously oaky than the regular reserve, although it integrated quite well with air. The mid-palate shows more finesse, but the alcohol seems a bit more noticeable, too. While this is very differently styled—and more powerful—I'm not sure I liked it all that much better. Vintage 2010 is a difficult vintage and this is a new brand, of course. It is certainly the most "serious" of the three and it may well be that of the three wines reviewed this issue, this is the one that will really benefit from a little more time in the cellar. It needs to pull itself together a bit. Drink now-2019.

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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