

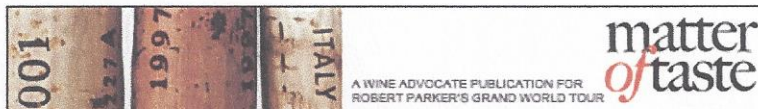
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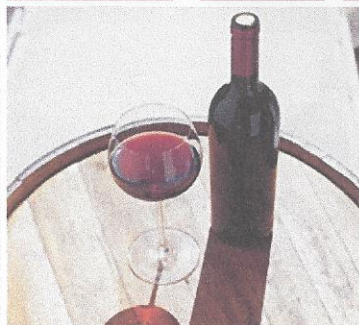
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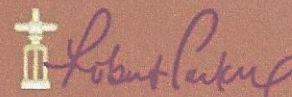
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### 2011 Luis Louro Monte Branco Adega Do Monte Branco

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

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
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eRobertParker.com #214  
Aug 2014

Mark Squires

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The 2011 Monte Branco-Adega do Monte Branco is the best red yet from this winery. It is a blend of 70% Alicante Bouschet grown on schist and 30% Aragonez from clay soil, aged for one year in 100% new French oak. Seen in a preview look at the winery (it is not yet on our shores), this, the latest version of this relatively new, high-end bottling, has come into its own in this fine vintage. Showing finesse, charm and good concentration, it is a well-structured and beautifully balanced red with fine flavor on the finish and rather gorgeous fruit. Even at its young age, it is demonstrating its ability to handle the oak well. It may yet be entitled to an uptick. You can approach this young, but it will likely be better if you can give it to 2016-2018 or so. Drink 2015-2025.

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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