



2016 Manz Contador de Estória Reserva

Rating

92

Release Price

\$40

Drink Date

2022 - 2031

Producer: Manz

From: Portugal , Península de Setúbal

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Color: Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Proprietary Blend

The 2016 Contador de Estória Reserva is a 60/30 blend of Syrah and Touriga Nacional, plus 10% Petit Verdot, all aged for 12 months in new barriques. It comes in at 14.58% alcohol. When last seen, this was not too long in bottle. Let's check in. It's fair to say it is right on track just now. It is firm on the finish and not really at peak yet, but it is more open and evolved. This shows some new wood up front, but that is easily overwhelmed by the ripe fruit, depth and structure. It is rich but balanced. The Syrah adds complexity, and the backbone makes this seem even more serious. This is beautifully done, and it has room to improve even more in the cellar, but it is in a pretty good place right now.