



QUINTA NOVA DE NOSSA SENHORA DO CARMO Pomares Moscatel White 2011

“The 2011 Branco Pomares Orange Label is all Moscatel Galego (meaning the familiar Muscat a Petits Grains). Since I’d never seen this bottling previously, it’s worth revisiting it with an extra six months or so of time in the bottle to settle down. It probably didn’t need a lot of time, if any, but it is certainly showing its classiness now. It is, perhaps, a touch more open and juicier. Mostly, though, it retains perfectly its original, elegant, well-balanced demeanor, still fresh, crisp and aromatic. It is solid enough to hold up to food, but easy to drink. It held well for about three days in the fridge, although it became more herbaceous towards the end. It remained completely delicious and charming. It should continue to hold for a couple of years at or near peak, but as noted previously, there is no particular need to hold it. One warning: this has some lurking power and persistence. It lingers beautifully on the finish. It is the type of white that will be put to sleep if drunk too cold. Don’t pull this out of the fridge at 48F and think it will show well. It drank beautifully around 58F-63F.

Drink now-2015.”

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