

Vadio Branco 2015 Bairrada, Portugal

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Score: 90 Points

The 2015 Branco is a blend of approximately 60% Cercial and 40% Bical, the latter aged for eight months in used French oak. This year, co-owner Eduarda Dias said, "we decided to increase the percentage of Bical to 40%. The objective is to make the wine a bit more serious and with a greater bottle aging potential." It looks to be working out. There is only nominal oak-impact here on flavor, although the texture and feel of the wine changes, adding some velvet. This does have big acidity, though, and it easily cuts through the wood and the fruit. It adds reasonable concentration as well. Overall, this looks to be a fine and fresh 2015 Branco that should age pretty well. It is just a little unsettled now, but let it calm down for a few more months -MS

