



2014 Lemos And Van Zeller (Cristiano Van Zeller) Branco "VVV" (Vale d. Maria)

A Blend Dry White Table wine from Portugal,,,Douro,Portugal

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Rating: 90

Drink 2015 - 2022

Cost: \$0

The 2014 Branco "VVV" (Vale d. Maria) is another new white brand, this time meant to fall between the VZ and the CV. It was sourced from a different combination of terroirs (hence, the 3Vs for 3 Valleys). It looks like an immediate success. An old-vines (50-80 years) field blend, this was aged for eight months in French barriques (60% new and 40% one year old). It comes in at 13% alcohol. This is very appealing, with bite on the finish and fine acidity. It is relatively full in the mouth and a pretty good competitor to the somewhat pricier VZ Branco, also reviewed. At the least, this is the better bargain. With the nice acidity easily slicing through the oak, it should be a good food match and refreshing as well. There were just 1,218 bottles produced. Cristiano van Zeller, happily, has an array of importers around the country. They generally operate in their specific regions and not everyone may carry everything. Importer(s): Tri-Vin Imports, One Park Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550 ., (914) 664-3155 , www.tri-vin.com Vinum Importing, 1938-D Occidental Ave, S,Seattle, WA 98134 , (206) 621-8843 , www.vinumimporting.com Dionysos Imports, 11581 Robertson Dr, Suite 101, Manassas, VA 20109, (703) 392-7073 , www.dionysosimports.com Regal Wines, Moorestown, NJ, (856) 985-6388, www.regalwine.com Perman Wine Selections, Chicago, IL, (312) 666-4417 Favourite Brands, McAllen, TX, (817) 235-0191 World Of Wine Guide Imports & Distribution, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304, 954-916-7467, www.worldofwineguide.com The Henry Wine Group, Benicia, CA, 707 745 8500
