



## 2015 Rui Reguinga Tributo

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> Rui Reguinga
89	\$30	2018 - 2026	<b>From:</b> Portugal , Tejo
<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Color:</b> Red
Mark Squires	31st Aug 2017	232, The Wine Advocate	<b>Type:</b> Table
			<b>Sweetness:</b> Dry
			<b>Type:</b> Table
			<b>Variety:</b> Proprietary Blend

The 2015 Tributo is a blend of 80% Syrah with 10% Grenache and dollops of Viognier and Mourvedre, aged for 12 months in 50% new French oak. One whiff here told me that this was a Northern Rhône Syrah. OK, I was in Alentejo and that was not likely, but you get the idea. Funky, meaty and a little gamy, this has that big, pungent nose. The flavors follow onto the palate. Bright and juicy on the lingering finish, this does well on many fronts. The funk is a bit too much just now and far more than on the 2014. This, however, has more concentration than the 2014 and in most respects is the obviously better wine. At the moment, whether you like this depends on how you deal with the funk or whether it blows off. With a long enough aging curve, it might integrate much better. Note that Rui's own prediction was that this would hold around ten years or so. It may do more than that. In the meanwhile, call this a compromise score.