



2015 Lemos and Van Zeller (Cristiano van Zeller) VZ (Van Zellers) Tinto

Rating (90 - 92)	Release Price \$29	Drink Date 2018 - 2030	Producer: Lemos And Van Zeller (Cristiano Van Zeller)
Reviewed by Mark Squires	Issue Date 31st Aug 2017	Source 232, The Wine Advocate	From: Portugal , Douro Color: Red

The 2015 VZ (Van Zellers) Tinto is a field blend from old vines, aged for 22 months in used French barriques. This is a fine 2015, a good example of the vintage and a very nice value point in the lineup, particularly this year. Perhaps its closest competitor for price and quality is the "VVV" in this issue's lineup. They are both very good, but I'd personally lean to this, hoping we reach the upper end of the score range. It is elegant and fresh, with reasonable concentration, fine flavors and perfect balance. This is looking like one of my favorites in the brand at the moment, its finesse making it very appealing while the intensity of flavor makes it hard to resist. This was a tank sample, the final blend tasted out of barrel. It should age well—Cristiano van Zeller told me that he thought it should age better than indicated—but let's be a bit conservative. We'd rather see happily surprised consumers versus badly disappointed ones. There were 5,000 bottles produced, plus some magnums. It will be available in late 2017 or early 2018.

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Variety: Proprietary Blend