

By **John Gilman**

Web site : www.viewfromthecellar.com

Herdade Do Rocim



2011 Mariana Tinto- Herdade do Rocim

Rating: 90

The cépages of the 2011 Mariana Tinto from Herdade do Rocim is made up of Aragonez, Alicante Bouschet and Cabernet Sauvignon and the wine is raised entirely in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, and then held in the cellars an additional three months in bottle to allow the wine to blossom a bit prior to release. The 2011 is fourteen percent alcohol and excellent, offering up a deep and complex bouquet of black cherries, woodsmoke, a touch of roasted meat, cigar ash, a nice base of soil and just a touch of leafy tones from the Alicante. I really like the influence of the Cabernet on the blend, which gives the wine a nice vein of Médoc-like aromatics. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and shows off plenty of mid-palate depth, moderate tannins and excellent focus and grip on the very long, slightly chewy and quite complex finish. High class juice. 2013-2023. **90.**