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The 2016 Chryseia is a 60/40 blend of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca aged for 15 months in mostly (80%) new French oak. It comes in at 14% alcohol. This adds concentration, finesse and intensity to the Post Scriptum this issue, but it is most impressive for its pure essence of fruit. It doesn't seem jammy in terms of concentration, but as you let it sit on your palate, it sure does show off its intense fruitiness. There are no holes in the mid-palate as it finishes. This doesn't seem to me as lifted and as fresh as the 2015, but the concentration level may exceed it. The next question is always the hardest one: Will it turn into really more special as it ages? There, I have some doubts. Let's start here and be a little conservative. It may overtake the 2015 in time—and then again, it may not. It is more or less drinkable now but giving it a bit longer wouldn't hurt.

- Mark Squires, May 2019