

ÉPOCA

RIBOLLA GIALLA ÉPOCA 2015



ADVOCATE WINE

Rating

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The 2015 Rebula / Ribolla Gialla "Época" was aged for 24 months in 70% new French oak (the rest, two to four years old) and comes in at 12.7% alcohol. This shows many of the traits of the unoaked version, including reasonable midpalate solidity, a fine finish and freshness. Of course, the general nature of the freshness here is different, as this did have that oak aging. It handles its wood very well, though, with the acidity slicing and dicing the wood. Even so, for my personal preference, I'd probably be as happy today—or, happier—with the unoaked version. This, however, might age better, meaning the answer might well change in a few years. This oaked version will probably have more opportunity to develop. Overall, they are both beautifully done, but the unoaked is the better value—not that this oaked version is particularly expensive for the quality. There were 2,000 bottles produced.