

WINE DESCRIPTION

GRAHAM'S 1970 VINTAGE PORT

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GRAHAM'S
ESTABLISHED 1820
PORT



Graham's

Graham's wines come primarily from its own Quinta dos Malvedos near Tua and Quinta das Lages in the Rio Torto. Two others, privately owned by a member of the Symington family, Quinta da Vila Velha and Quinta de Vale de Malhadas, also supply Graham with finest quality grapes. All four Quintas are among the best in the upper Douro valley. Graham's also buys grapes from selected farmers in the finest districts. Some of these farmers have been selling their grapes to Graham's for generations.

Tasting Notes

Known for its abundant rich and ripe berry flavours, good medium tannins and long finish. Graham's is one of the finest wines of the year, showing all the very best characteristics of this rich Vintage. Excellent deep red garnet colour at the heart of the glass. On the nose a rich intensity of caramelised fruit and coffee. On the palate this wine is in perfect harmony, round, soft yet with 'grip'. There is great length on the palate.

The Viticultural Year

A wet winter with a cold and dry March. Warm weather in April was ideal for flowering. Spring and summer were calm and settled. Rain fell in late August and early September. Harvesting started at Malvedos on 21st September. Good weather throughout the vintage.

Reviews & Awards

18 Points out of 20

"Very deep crimson with some evolution at the rim. Strongly scented – sweet, candied violets. Very sweet yet vigorous and still with lots of quite grainy tannins. Real power and no shortage of potential! Drink now-2016".

Jancis Robinson, 14th October 2004

Five Stars (Outstanding)

"A superb bottle at a dinner party at home, May 2001. More recently: Soft tawny-red; gloriously fragrant and flowery; complete, excellent".

Michael Broadbent, Vintage Wine, Published 2002

"1970 produced some truly great wines which are only just ready to broach. Dow and Graham fall into this category and must rank among the 20th century's great vintage ports".

Richard Mayson, Decanter Magazine, December 2001

"Graham's 1970, 1963 and 1945 are among the finest Vintage Ports declared this century".

Richard Mayson, Port and the Douro, Published 1999

20 Points out of 20

"Fullish colour, just about mature. Full, firm nose. Still undeveloped. Still a bit closed. The complete wine. Fullish, just about ready. Real depth. Excellent depth. Excellent complex fruit. Delicious".

Clive Coates MW, Quarterly Review, Autumn 1991

Peter Symington, responsible with his son Charles for the vineyards and wine making, has been made 'Fortified Wine Maker of the Year' an extraordinary 6 times by the 'Wine Challenge'. Nobody else has won this important award more than once. In 2003, his son Charles won the same award.

Vintage Overview

Magnificent wines with abundant ripe fruit flavours and concentrated tannins. The harmony and balance of the best 1970's wines is quite simply outstanding. The best 1970's should be ranked amongst the all-time greatest Vintage Ports produced in the Douro. After thirty five years of ageing, these wines are currently in perfect balance but they will continue to age gracefully for many years to come.

Contemporary Family Comments

"Thunder showers these last few days have amounted to several hours of steady rain, very welcome and ideal providing it now clears. Prospects in the better districts good for quality and average yield".

Michael Symington
28 August 1970

Wine Specification

Alcohol by Volume: 21% v/v (20°C)

Total Acidity: 4.05 g/l tartaric acid

Baumé: 3.90

