

WINE DESCRIPTION

GRAHAM'S 1983 VINTAGE PORT

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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

Fine deep ruby colour. With a rich and intense nose of ripe red fruits, combined with concentrated floral aromas of violets and minty eucalyptus. On the palate showing a full-bodied structure, bold tannins, and a long and intense fruit finish.

The Viticultural Year

A cold and dry winter was followed by a very wet spring. This harmed the flowering, a moderate summer did not help, with the variable weather leading to the vines being about a month behind normal. All was saved with a glorious September, turning what had seemed like being a very poor vintage into an excellent one.

Reviews & Awards

5 Stars – Decanter Award

“Beautiful nose, with rich hints of dark chocolate. Well-balanced, with well-structured flavours and a slightly earthy quality”.

Richard Mayson, Decanter Magazine, February 2000

“There are some classic wines, notably GRAHAM with its cinnamon and nutmeg spiciness and powerful fruit”.

Anthony Rose, The Independent, 14th July 1990

19 Points out of 20

Top of all the 83s tasted

“Fullish colour. Rich, raw, backward nose. But there is a lot of class and depth and complexity here. Fullish, still backward. Rich, meaty, multi-dimensional flavours. Slightly cooked plums, but in a 1982 claret sense. Very fine. Very good balance. Long. Subtle finish. Excellent”.

Clive Coates, The Vine, December 1992

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

An exceptional Vintage, with outstanding, powerful wines, and tremendous depth of colour. The best are just beginning to show their true pedigree. These wines have plenty of time ahead and are developing into a first class vintage year.

Contemporary Family Comments

“Sugar graduations in the Upper Douro were on average at least 1.5 degrees higher than last year....our own impression is that certainly above-average wines have been made throughout the Upper Douro and we are sure that some will prove to be outstanding...the fresh nose of the fermenting musts was most noticeable and reminded one of the similar lovely fermenting nose of the 1977s and 1980s...the overall production of the Douro region is some 20-25% down on last year”.

Michael Symington
October 1983

Wine Specification

Alcohol by Volume: 20% v/v (20°C)

Total Acidity: 4.5 g/l tartaric acid

Baumé: 3.5

