



## 1957 VINTAGE BUAL



### SCORES

96 Points, Wine & Spirits, 2018  
95 Points, Wine Enthusiast, 2018  
93 Points, Wine Spectator, 2018

### THE FAMILY

The Blandy's family is unique for being the only family of all the original founders of the Madeira wine trade to still own and manage their original wine company. The family has played a leading role in the development of Madeira wine since the early nineteenth century. Blandy's Madeira remains totally dedicated to the traditions, care, and craftsmanship of Madeira Wine for over 200 years.

### THE WINEMAKING

Blandy's Bual 1957 was aged for 60 years in seasoned American oak casks and as with all the family's vintages, this wine started its ageing process in the warm high attic floors of the lodge in the centre of Funchal. Over the 60 years, the wine passed down from the warmer top floor of the Blandy's Wine Lodges, the "Sotão de Amendoa". The art of finding the right balance between concentration and the freshness of the wine lies in the winemaker's decision when to transfer the wine to the lower cooler north facing floors of the lodge.

### TASTING NOTE

This is glorious, sunny Madeira, its darker tones of fig, date and toffee opening to brighter notes of candied citrus and meadow flowers. Plump and expansive, even as the finesse of the structure focuses all of its flavor detail.

**WINEMAKER**  
Francisco Albuquerque

**PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETAL**  
The family today works with 29 Boal (or Bual) growers who are located predominately on the south coast of the island between Ribeira Brava and Calheta. Relatively easy to grown and quite vigorous, the berry benefits from the long hours of sunlight found in this region of the island. Also known in Portugal as "Malvasia Fina", this varietal is picked relatively early on during harvest and produces a medium rich style of wine.

**BOTTLED**  
2017

**STORAGE & SERVING**  
This wine should be stored upright in a dark room with constant temperature, ideally no higher than 60°F. As the wine is completely stabilized, it is recommended to pull the cork at least 2 day before enjoying this wine. Decanting will help remove any deposit that may have occurred in bottle over time. A wine that is best enjoyed chilled.

**WINE SPECIFICATION**  
Alcohol: 20 % vol  
Total acidity: 7.9 g/l tartaric acid  
Residual Sugar: 102 g/l

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