

BLANDY'S
Est. 1811
• MADEIRA •



SCORES

95 Points, Wine Enthusiast, 2023

1976 VINTAGE BUAL

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 1976 was aged in seasoned American oak casks and as with all the family's vintages, this wine started its aging process in the warm high attic floors of the lodge in the center of Funchal. Over the 47 years, the wine passed down from the warmer top floor of the Blandy's Wine Lodges, the "Soção 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

Dark amber with golden reflections. The nose has a very complex and characteristic bouquet. Lush with notes of toasted wood, dried fruit, vanilla-like sweet spices, saffron, ripe fruit chutney, dried leaves, and tea. The palate is very rich, smooth, and balanced, medium sweet, with a very long finish leaving notes of chutney and resinous woods such as cedar.

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
2023

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: 9.0 g/l tartaric acid
Residual Sugar: 115 g/l

UPC: 094799051282 - 750mL
094799050902 - 1.5L
094799051305 - 3L