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SCORES

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast, 2020

LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE PORT 2014

THE WINE

Manuel Rocha, fourth generation taster and blender, worked closely with Charles Symington, head winemaker, to assess the finest wines made in 2014. The year was characterized by a relatively cool summer, which brought out the best in the Touriga Nacional and Sousão, particularly from the Malvedos and Tua vineyards. They chose these as the two principal component varieties for this wine; the floral aromas of rock rose and compact black fruit flavors of the Touriga Nacional are perfectly balanced by the freshness and spice contributed by the Sousão. Smaller contributions were made by other varieties from the other vineyards traditionally supplying Graham's: Quinta da Vila Velha and Quinta do Vale de Malhadas. The grapes were trodden in the modern lagares at the small Malvedos winery.

WINEMAKING

This wine has been matured in wood in the Graham's 1890 lodge for five years after which it was bottled from early 2019, ready for drinking. Late Bottled Vintages, as the term implies, are bottled later than classic Vintage Ports (the latter after two years).

HARVEST OVERVIEW

A cooler than usual summer, with temperatures for July and August 1.2°C below the mean, contributed to good acidity levels, balancing the high sugar graduations. The vintage started relatively early, from the first week of September, due to the advanced ripening cycle. Some untimely rainfall arrived towards the end of that first week and this meant reviewing the picking schedule to allow the finest grape varieties more time on the vines to dry off completely. Fortunately, we were able to pick the best Touriga Nacional and Sousão vineyards before more persistent rain began to come down from the middle of the month. One of the most surprising aspects of the vintage was the pockets of the Douro (like Malvedos and Tua) that were much less affected by the rain, highlighting the region's great diversity of microclimates.

WINEMAKER

Charles Symington and Estate Manager
Alexandre Mariz.

PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETIES

Principally from Graham's Quinta dos Malvedos and Quinta do Tua vineyards, with smaller components from Vila Velha and Vale de Malhadas, two further properties which regularly contribute to Graham's Late Bottled Vintage blend.

Grape Varieties:

Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Amarela, Tinta Barroca and old mixed vines.

TASTING NOTE

Graham's 2014 LBV has an intense deep red color. The wine has distinctive floral aromatics of violets and rock rose, which reflect the importance of the Touriga Nacional variety in the wine's composition. In the mouth, compact, ripe black fruit flavors marry with fresh, spicy notes from the Sousão. The finish is typically Graham with the signature balance between complexity and elegance.

WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 20% vol
Total acidity: 4.8 g/l tartaric acid

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