

## WINE DESCRIPTION

# GOULD CAMPBELL 1980 VINTAGE PORT



ESTABLISHED 1797

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PORT

In 1797 Garrett Gould prompted by the political strife wracking his native Ireland sailed for the hospitable shores of Portugal where he established the firm of Messrs. Gould Brothers & Co, operating from Lisbon and Oporto. The firm soon became very successful and brought into partnership the prestigious Merchants and Bankers, Messrs. James Campbell & Co., subsequently adopting the name by which it is still known.

In 1970 the Symington family who had themselves been Port shippers since 1882 acquired the firm. It is therefore one of the few traditional Port firms to remain a private family business thus retaining its individuality and distinctiveness.

### Tasting Notes

Excellent deep brick red colour. On the nose dense opulent fruit aromas with complex floral hints. On the palate good balance with great depth and length, dark cherry flavours and nuances of bitter chocolate. A Classic Vintage Port.

### The Viticultural Year

Poor conditions during flowering and fruit-set reduced the crop size. Hot summer conditions proved very positive for ripening. Three days of rain during the harvest complicated matters, but if picking took place at the right time, very good wines were made.

## Reviews & Awards

### SILVER MEDAL

**International Wine Challenge 1995**

### GOLD MEDAL

**International Wine Challenge 1994**

“Tasters found an inky and a lovely sweetness of baked fruit and caramel spice. Complex, with great depth and length, this will provide exceptional drinking in 20 years.”

Wine International, October 1994

“Good colour for the vintage. Some maturity. Good plump attractive, mature nose. No great depth but well put together. Still fresh. A good medium-full bodied, meaty wine on the palate. Ripe and balanced if slightly astringent. But a good positive finish. Very good for the vintage.”

Clive Coates, The Vine, April 2001

“An exceptional 1980 that holds its own with, or even above, some famous names.”

Jancis Robinson, Financial Times, December 1998

“Youthful purple, rich blackcurrant aroma and flavour with a long firm ripe finish. Balanced fruity wine that should be good to drink in three years and will continue to develop well.”

Richard Mayson, Decanter Magazine, November 1990

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

1980 has always been a very underrated year, however the good wines are outstanding. This Vintage is like the 1966 in that it only became recognised for its really top quality some years after the declaration. The 1977 had been given a great reception by the wine-writers, the trade and consumers. Inevitably the next declared vintage was never going to get the same treatment. In fact the good 1980 wines are excellent and are a real bargain at auction.

## Contemporary Family Comments

“Yields were surprisingly high... temperatures were high and some lagares had to be drawn off before re-treading when they approached 30°C... colour seemed excellent and the musts smelt fresh and attractive... reminded one of 1977. From a quality point of view the prospects are excellent, and a good stock of young, good quality Port is now in existence.”

October 1980

Michael Symington

## Wine Specification

**Alcohol by Volume:** 20% v/v (20°C)

**Total Acidity:** 4.28 g/l tartaric acid

**Baumé:** 3.2

