

WINE DESCRIPTION

GRAHAM'S 1991 VINTAGE 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

Graham's 1991 Vintage is an immensely sturdy wine. It has a very attractive nose reminiscent of blackberries and violets. Although still very firm on the palate, the typical intense rich succulent fruit is forthcoming. A vintage which is now starting to drink very well, but will also repay further keeping.

The Viticultural Year

1991 produced a very dry ripening period in the Douro and in the early summer there was some anxiety as to how the drought would affect the crop. Despite the very hot conditions of the summer months it was fortunate that there was cooler weather in late August which allowed the grapes to reach maturity.

Reviews & Awards

93 Points out of 100

"Getting better all the time in the bottle. Real blockbuster of a wine that sneaks up on you. Beautiful tar, grape and berry aromas and flavours. It's full-bodied, quite sweet and reserved, but kicks off at the end with loads of fruit and tannins. Tasted twice with consistent notes."

James Suckling, Wine Spectator, July 1994

19.5 Points out of 20

TOP OF THE TASTING out of 31 Vintage Ports tasted

"Very good colour. Fine rich concentrated nose. Lovely fruit. Real depth here. Full and quite powerful, but a wine of real richness and intensity. Complete. Marvellous breed. Fabulous long complex finish. Excellent."

Clive Coates M.W., The Vine, November 1993

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

The first "Declared Vintage" for six years – the longest gap between declarations for decades. A very small but good Vintage similar to some of the 1983's.

Contemporary Family Comments

"By the time picking began in the second week of September the grapes were in beautiful condition and the resulting wines had enormous flavour and bouquet".

James Symington
October 1991

Wine Specification

Alcohol by Volume: 20.0% v/v (20°C)

Total Acidity: 4.13 g/l tartaric acid

Baumé: 3.8

Vineyards: Primarily from Graham's Quinta dos Malvedos (Cima Corgo) and Quinta das Lages (Rio Torto valley)

