

WINE DESCRIPTION

WARRE'S 1966 VINTAGE PORT

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FOUNDED 1670 IN OPORTO

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Warre's, founded in 1670, was the first British Port company established in Portugal and therefore the pioneer of a great tradition; its history is synonymous with that of Port itself. Warre's Ports are distinguished for their structure, power and softly perfumed nose. They have a particularly fresh and elegant style. Warre's premium wines are sourced from Quinta da Cavadinha and Quinta do Retiro Antigo, two of the finest estates of the Douro valley. Warre's Vintage Ports are renowned the world over for their excellence and are consistently placed amongst the best in comparative tastings.

Tasting Notes

After four decades, the colour has faded to a soft red/golden hue. On the nose mature and stylish, with lovely rich fruit. On the palate mellow, with plenty of depth and dimension, and a long elegant finish.

The Viticultural Year

1966 was a wet winter in the Douro. May brought storms and low temperatures, fruit set was reduced as a result. July was fine and hot, but plenty of leaf growth prevented damage to the grapes. August was also very hot, but the vines resisted well due to the good water reserves in the soil.

Reviews & Awards

"Some chocolatey creaminess in this elegant wine. Subtle burnt flavours, gradually amplyfying in the mouth, balance and sweetness."

Graham Holter, Off License News, October 2006

18.5 out of 20 Points

"Deep, vibrant ruby with very pale rim. Big, broad, rich nose – quite burly and autumnal. More powerful than the 1963 – with more obvious alcohol. Excellent balance again but with sweet, very direct attack. Dry, energetic finish. This is all power and bounce rather than the subtlety of the 1963. Very sweet with just a hint of something metallic. Rumbustiously sweet. Mainly from Bom Retiro in the Rio Torto. This was originally underrated and sells for much less than the 1963. Has apparently been on a plateau for years so I may well be under-estimating its longevity."

Jancis Robinson, jancisrobinson.com, September 2006

91 out of 100 Points

"There is still plenty of fresh, youthful fruit here. Medium ruby-red, with an intense floral and berry nose... and a lingering finish. Very good fruit."

James Suckling, Vintage Port, 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 twice. In 2003, his son Charles won the same award.

Vintage Overview

An outstanding vintage of exceptional quality. Rather unjustly overshadowed by the 1963. In recent years 1966 has become recognised as being one of the very best post-war Vintage Ports. Declared by most of the major Port houses. When young these were big, solid and well-built wines, with a perfect balance of tannins, fruit and acidity.

Contemporary Family Comments

"Musts everywhere showed higher than average readings and the colour is excellent. Yields on the other hand are the lowest for many years, some Quintas being as much as 30% down on their 1964/5 productions. We are delighted with the prospects for the 1966's. It will be surprising indeed if 1966 does not prove to be an excellent vintage for Port."

Michael Symington
9th October 1963

Wine Specifications

Alcohol: 21% vol (20°C)

Total acidity: 4.05 g/l tartaric acid

Baumé: 3.4

