

WINE DESCRIPTION

WARRE'S 1980 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

A very deep youthful colour for its age. The nose is brimming with perfumed haunting scents of rich black fruits, grapes and violets. On the palate, beautifully balanced, with floral elegance and excellent length on the finish.

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

International Wine Challenge 2006 Silver Medal

"Very good colour, attractive good soft nose, toasty clove-like aroma. Good intensity, warm soft palate, balance finish in a soft way."

Wine International, October 2006

18 Points out of 20

"A magnificently dark wine, with more saturated depth to it than many 82s and 83s... Sweet, spicy, rich, broad, really decked out with good things. A sense of generous perfumed ripeness that is almost Rhône-like here: fat fruits, bay leaves, Christmas spices... Close texture and dense, good, taut, tight, lots of power still left in reserve, while the flavour spectrum is broadening out from the tight-knit fruits of youth to something much richer and spicier. No hurry to consume this hugely diverting and entertaining wine. The fruit qualities are still very much the fresh plum and damson rather than anything more cooked or caramelized."

Andrew Jefford, World of Fine Wine, Issue 3 2004

Four Stars (Very Good)

"Best wine of the evening... Still very deep; fragrant; extraordinarily dense, figgy flavour and impressive, very dry finish."

Michael Broadbent, Vintage Wine, Published 2002

93 Points out of 100

"The best colour thus far with a rich peppery nose and a meaty, complex long finish. Excellent."

WINE, December 2001

"Overwhelmingly fruity and flowing. Beautiful, round and smooth. Quite exceptional."

Malcolm Gluck, The Guardian, 23rd December 1995

"Excellent Port from an overlooked vintage."

Wine Spectator, October 1988

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

1980 has always been a much 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. In fact, the good 1980 wines are excellent and are a real bargain at auction.

Contemporary Family Comments

"The weather leading up to the 1980 vintage was unusually varied, with the result that only a relatively small proportion of first-class wines were produced. It was therefore those vineyard proprietors who had been fortunate enough to avoid damage during the poor weather in May, and again who had been lucky enough to start picking after the effect of the September rains had worn off, who produced really outstanding wines."

Michael Symington
May 1982

Wine Specifications

Alcohol: 20% vol (20°C)

Total acidity: 4.28 g/l tartaric acid

Baumé: 3.1

