

WINE DESCRIPTION

GRAHAM'S 1955 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 1955 is one of the best wines of the year, big with generous fruit flavours. A superbly balanced wine, smooth and concentrated. Soft and delicate copper colour on the rim. Plenty of grip on the taste with soft rounded fruit flavours.

The Viticultural Year

After the February rain there was a heat wave in April and in the first half of May, which was again followed by rain. The vines flowered well and had the benefit of further rain in June. July was satisfactory, and August hot, with the grapes in good condition.

It was very hot throughout the harvest and the quantity was less than expected, though the grapes showed quality from the start.

Reviews & Awards

Five Stars (Outstanding).

"One of my all-time favourite Ports...A big wine that has evolved perfectly... mature but rosy-cheeked; glorious bouquet, a fabulous fragrance erupting out of its depths. Sweet, refined, silky yet still tannic, fleshy yet firm".

Michael Broadbent, *Vintage Wine*, Published 2002

20 Points out of 20

Rich, vigorous and classy nose. This is very lovely. Very splendid fruit. Fullish on the palate. Very clean and very pure. Very fine balance. Complex and long. Quite delicious".

Clive Coates, *The Vine*, December 2000

"1955 ***** Outstanding, concentrated wines for the long term...Dow, Graham...are very impressive".

Richard Mayson, *Port and the Douro*, Published 1999

"Quite perfect".

David Rowe (Editor), *Decanter*, December 1991

94 Points out of 100

"A big, rather brutish wine packed to the brim with fruit. Medium ruby-garnet, with a licorice and violet nose, full-bodied, with tough tannins and a balance of generous, sweet fruit flavors. Will improve with age".

James Suckling, *Vintage Port*, Published 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

Outstanding fruit driven wines for long-term ageing. A real pleasure to drink now or over the next few decades. One of the most underrated Vintages of the 20th Century. Declared by most of the major Port houses.

Contemporary Family Comments

"Vines looking wonderful, both bunches and grapes are much larger than last year. A few showers between now and the vintage should produce an excellent 1955"

Ronald Symington
15th August 1955

Wine Specification

Alcohol by Volume: 20% v/v (20°C)
Total Acidity: 3.85 g/l tartaric acid
Baumé: 3.6

