

FONSECA PORT, DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

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FONSECA GUIMARAENS



DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

In the early 1950's, the rising demand for Vintage ports led Fonseca Guimaraens to create a second vintage port under the 'Guimaraens' label. Blended from slightly less powerful components, Guimaraens Vintage Ports are made in years when the wines are more supple and early maturing and are drawn from the produce of the same three estates. They differ only in that they are more approachable, ready to drink earlier and for their quality and rarity offer exceptional value. The 2003/2004 winter was very dry, having only rained 1/3 of the quantity registered the previous winter. The lack of water during the early part of the growing season led to very little pressure from disease. The concern in July was mainly one of doubting the vines capacity to ripen the grapes due to the drastic shortage of water. The vintage stood out for the perfect weather conditions for the whole period. The young Ports show good structure with very fresh berry fruit aromas, resulting from the cooler than normal ripening period.

TASTING NOTES

The fresh, intoxicating blackberry fruit aromas are enhanced by a wonderfully aromatic, scented quality. A huge amount of depth and backbone to this finely tuned Port. Everything is in harmony and perfect balance. The dark berry fruit flavours marry exquisitely with the tannins, leaving the mouth aching for more. A very fine wine.

HOW TO SERVE

Walnuts are an excellent accompaniment to Vintage Port, as are blue veined and other richly flavoured cheeses. So too are dried fruits such as apricots or figs. Alternatively, simply savour the rich and complex flavours of the wine on their own in a generously proportioned glass with good company.

"Shows plenty of crushed berry and wet earth character. Full, soft and velvety, with lots of blackberry, licorice and mineral character. A generous fruity style. Very sweet. 90 points"

JAMES SUCKLING, WINESPECTATOR ONLINE, NOVEMBER 2007
FONSECA GUIMARAENS 2004

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VINTAGE 2004
STYLE Port
BLEND OF GRAPES Touriga Nacional Touriga Francesa Tinta Roriz Tinta Barroca Tinta Cão Tinta Amarela
WINEMAKER David Guimaraens
ALCOHOL 20%

