

FONSECA PORT, DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

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1858

FONSECA VINTAGE 1985



DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

The backbone of Fonseca Vintage ports are the wines drawn primarily from Fonseca's three quintas, all located in the Cima Corgo: Quinta de Santo António, Quinta do Cruzeiro, and Quinta do Panascal. The finest grapes from these quintas produce its classic Vintage ports. The grapes are still trodden by foot in the stone 'lagares' of Cruzeiro and Panascal.

The 1985 Vintage was preceded by an exceptionally cold, wet winter, with night temperatures well below freezing in early January. Berryset was excellent and the young bunches perfectly formed. The summer was hot throughout the region, with no rainfall during July and August. Fonseca picked earlier than most other shippers and the harvest was brought in under ideal conditions before the rain which fell later in the month of September. Conditions were ideal for fermentation resulting in must of exceptional colour and weight.

TASTING NOTES

Deep inky ruby with a broad red rim. Generous and seductive nose redolent of blackcurrant, cherry and ground coffee. The full round palate is supported by thick well integrated tannins and delivers an abundance of luscious chocolate and blackcurrant flavour which lingers into the long velvety finish. A wine poised between youth and maturity.

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.

"A troublesome vintage for many shippers, but Fonseca 1985 never fails to impress: tight-knit, dense and minty with a core of concentration and pure berry fruit. Succulent, wonderfully fresh and vibrant at 30 years old. Peacock's tail of a finish. A real 'wow' of a wine that promises to last a lifetime. 96 points"

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

