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It was during one of my regular visits to the lodge that I came upon the idea of launching a wine that would pay tribute to **GRAHAM'S** experience as a producer of fine old tawnies, building on the outstanding reputation that **GRAHAM'S** has earned on its Vintage Ports over the last 2 centuries and especially during the last 50 years.

Every year we taste and assess all our ageing wines in the **GRAHAM'S** lodge, and I knew that we had 14 casks of a wine that I had always considered special: the 1961. This wine had matured under the watchful eye of my father while he was **GRAHAM'S** winemaker and is still being used today as one of the many wines that constitute the final blend of our distinguished **GRAHAM'S** 40 Years Old Tawny Port, giving great complexity and depth to the wine.

Over the last few years these casks had been developing particularly well and so impressed me, that I decided it deserved a closer look. I took samples from each of the 14 casks, lined them up in the tasting room and carefully tasted each one.

All casks proved to contain outstanding wines, but there were *three that were truly exceptional*, standing out from the others. They were showing a vivid, rich amber colour, with a suggestion of a green tinge on the rim. On the nose an explosion of multiple aromas, a combination of caramel, nuts, hints of vanilla and cigar box. Massively concentrated in the mouth, these wines have a complex palate revealing honeycomb, exotic spices and crystallised orange peel flavours. The richness is balanced by a firm and refreshing acidity which gives the wine a perfect balance and structure, leading to an endless finish.

I had unearthed a well-kept treasure... and so decided to produce a *special edition* using these three casks, each producing just 712 bottles.

I hope you will experience the same sensations that I had, when enjoying a glass of this exceptional and unique **GRAHAM'S** 1961 Single Harvest Tawny.

CHARLES SYMINGTON, GRAHAM'S WINEMAKER

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GRAHAM'S was founded in 1820 and has always been a family business. At the heart of the quality and reputation of Graham's wines is a collection of the finest vineyards in Portugal's Douro Valley. Following harvest, the wines are transferred to Graham's Lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia, a short distance from the Atlantic coast. There, the cool maritime climate provides perfect conditions for the gradual maturation process that results in fine, golden-amber hued Tawny Ports.

The story of GRAHAM'S 1961 SINGLE HARVEST TAWNY PORT begins in our lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal, where all Graham's wood Ports are carefully matured in oak casks. The Graham's Port Lodge is a unique gem thanks not only to its rich variety of maturing wines but also because of its special charm; it was built in 1890 (on the site of an earlier Graham's lodge) and is still in use today.

This edition marks a UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY to delve into one of Graham's well-kept treasures – fine old aged Tawnies. For the first time ever, the 1961 Single Harvest Tawny will give fine wine connoisseurs and Port collectors around the world the privilege to appreciate the unparalleled and timeless quality of Graham's.



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