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PORT



Quinta dos Malvedos

1965
VINTAGE PORT

125 YEARS

1890 - 2015

To mark the 125th anniversary of the purchase of the iconic Quinta dos Malvedos, Graham's is now releasing the last 400 bottles (75cl) of the quinta's 50 year old 1965 Vintage Port.



THE HISTORY OF QUINTA DOS MALVEDOS

Situated in the eastern part of the Cima Corgo, Quinta dos Malvedos is superbly located on the north bank of the Douro. Predominantly south facing, the quinta's vineyards have been at the heart of all Graham's Port for 125 years.

Malvedos first appears in historical records in 1788, but it is certain that its vineyards were being farmed before the 16th century as several ancient buildings dating to these times can be found on the estate. The name Malvedos derives from the Douro boatmen's description of the challenging currents and rapids that existed below the estate before the river was tamed by the construction of dams. In very dry years these fearsome rocks can still be seen in the bed of the river.

By the mid-19th century Quinta dos Malvedos was already established as one of the great vineyards of the Douro, and documents show that its wine fetched higher prices than those of other quintas in the area. However, the appearance of oidium in 1851, followed closely by the phylloxera pest in 1863, badly affected the vines of the Douro Valley, and resulted in a significant area of Quinta dos Malvedos' vineyards being replaced by olive groves.

The brothers William and John Graham founded Graham's in 1820, and by 1890 their firm was one of the most respected Port companies. With an excellent knowledge of the region, Graham's was one of the earliest Port houses to invest in vineyards in the Alto Douro. Quinta dos Malvedos was the firm's first vineyard acquisition, and the company set about enlarging the property, repairing and replanting many of the old abandoned terraces.

The Symington family, who have been Port producers in the Douro Valley for generations, acquired Graham's in 1970 and Quinta dos Malvedos eleven years later. They immediately begin renovating and further expanding the property to make it one of the finest in the region. The quinta now covers a total of 163 hectares of which 89 are under vine.

All of the grapes from Quinta dos Malvedos are handpicked and fermented in the estate's own small specialist winery. One of the most advanced in the region it is solely dedicated to the making of the very finest Port Wines and produces no more than 375 barrels of Port a year. This winery has both traditional and modern lagares and the original seasoned oak vats receive the young wine at the end of every harvest, where they remain before being transported down river to the Graham's 1890 Lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia every spring.



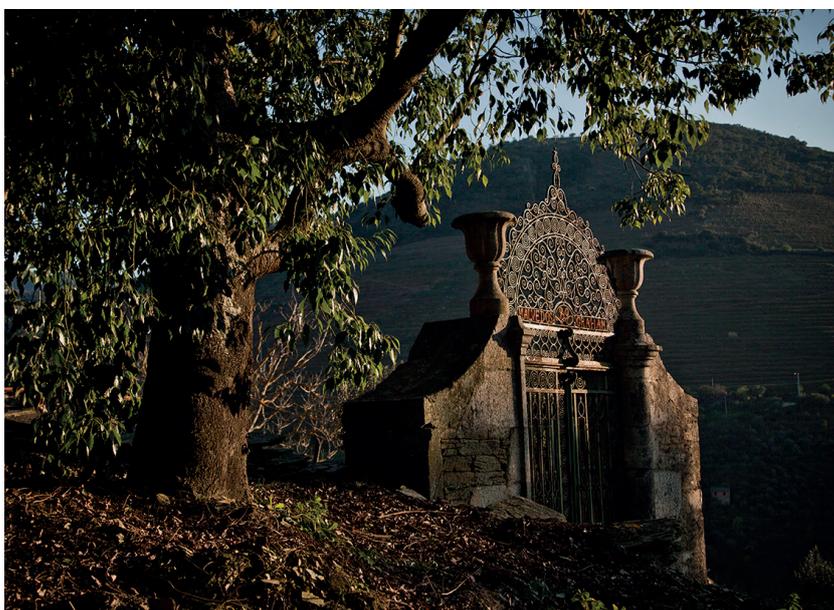


QUINTA DOS MALVEDOS VINTAGE PORT

The wines from Quinta dos Malvedos have always been renowned for their balance, elegance and complexity, coupled with the characteristic Douro Valley aroma of esteva (gum cistus), a wild flower that grows on the hillsides of the region. Malvedos Vintage Ports are bottled and aged in Graham's cellars in Vila Nova de Gaia and not released until ready to be enjoyed, around ten years after harvest.

The 2004 Quinta dos Malvedos Vintage, also being released this year, has been awarded at the highest levels by the most prestigious international wine competitions, earning the Single Quinta Vintage Port Trophy and a Gold medal at the International Wine Challenge 2015 and a Gold Outstanding medal at the International Wine and Spirits Competition 2015.

Quinta dos Malvedos Vintage Port has won numerous medals in the most renowned international wine competitions and the Malvedos 1988 Vintage Port was the first Port ever to be ranked in the Wine Spectator's prestigious annual "Top 100 Wines of the World".



1965 VITICULTURAL YEAR

The winter of 1964/65 was dry followed by a wet spring that prepared the vineyards of Quinta dos Malvedos for the hot and dry summer that was to come.

Just before the harvest some fortuitous showers fell, and the grapes were brought into the lagares in perfect condition.

QUINTA DOS MALVEDOS 1965 VINTAGE PORT

Deep garnet in colour, on the nose this wine is perfumed and soft with a hint of rose petals, tea, and a touch of mint. On the palate it is soft and mellow with fine tannins and a luscious, long lasting finish.

Inspired by the understated design of the early 20th century Graham's Vintage Port labels, the last 400 bottles of the Quinta dos Malvedos 1965 Vintage Port are now being offered in handcrafted wooden cases bearing the original trademark of the quinta, registered in 1890. This rare wine has been matured for 50 years in the Graham's 1890 Lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia, and is a testament to the history of one of the Douro's greatest quintas.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

21% v/v (20°C)

TOTAL ACIDITY

3.75 g/l tartaric acid

BAUMÉ

3.8%