

## WINE DESCRIPTION

# GRAHAM'S 1977 VINTAGE PORT

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Founded in 1820 by William and John Graham in Portugal's Douro Valley, for nearly two centuries Graham's has cultivated its reputation as one of the greatest names in Port.

The quality of Graham's Port relies on the finest grapes from five iconic quintas in the Douro Valley. Quinta dos Malvedos, one of the Douro's greatest vineyard properties, has always been the heart of Graham's Vintage Port, where most of the grapes are sourced. Over time, Quinta da Vila Velha and Quinta do Vale de Malhadas (both privately owned by a member of the Symington family), as well as Quinta das Lages, have contributed to the Graham's unique style. The latest acquisition, Quinta do Tua, perfectly complements Malvedos and adds further dimension to Graham's Ports.



## THE VITICULTURAL YEAR

After a wet and cold spring and indifferent summer, the weather from August onwards could not have been more perfect. A small harvest of very healthy grapes was gathered under ideal conditions a week earlier than usual. An excellent vintage producing full, extremely rich, powerful and concentrated wines.

## VINTAGE OVERVIEW

1977 is considered one of the very finest Vintages of the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Graham 1977 is widely regarded as being second to none.

Declared by all the major Port houses.

## CONTEMPORARY FAMILY COMMENTS

"...the first fortnight of September was extremely hot and dry, yet with little wind. In fact these first two weeks of the month were the hottest and best of the year...and the benefit that they brought to the grapes not only in the Douro District...was immense. In mid-September the weather turned thundery and some rain fell which again was of great benefit following the heat..."

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1977  
Michael Symington

"...the fermenting musts have shown good colour and flavour especially so in the better class districts where the wines were gathered and made under ideal conditions of weather and temperature".

24<sup>th</sup> October 1977  
Michael Symington

## TASTING NOTES

Graham's 1977 Vintage Port is now 38 years old and is superbly rich and complex. Garnet red in colour and with lifted aromas of red fruits combined to floral hints of fresh mint and eucalyptus. On the palate well balanced and with a firm tannic backbone leading to a long and intense finish. This mature Vintage Port is drinking excellently now but has the structure and potential to continue developing gracefully in bottle for many more years.

## WINE SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol by Volume: 21% v/v (20°C).  
Total Acidity (tartaric acid): 4.05 (g/l).  
Baumé: 2.9.

Vineyards: The Graham 1977 came principally from Quinta dos Malvedos and Quinta dos Lages.

Bottled: In 1979 without any fining or filtration.

## REVIEWS & AWARDS

18 POINTS (out of 20)  
Jancis Robinson, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

91 POINTS (out of 100)  
Wine Spectator, 2008

18.5 POINTS (out of 20)  
Jancis Robinson, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2004

## LINKS & INFORMATION

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