



Graham's Declare The Stone Terraces 2015 Vintage Port

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The small 2.9-hectare Stone Terrace vineyard at Quinta dos Malvedos produced an extraordinary wine in 2015. The grapes were picked by hand on the 12th and 13th of September, a couple of days before substantial rain fell across the Douro Valley, and were then fermented in lagares in the estate's own winery. Yields were incredibly low at just 0.82 kg per vine but several hours of treading over the following days delivered a magnificent wine with sublime floral aromas of violets.

The Stone Terrace vineyard at Malvedos is composed of three parcels in a narrow curving valley and all are immediately adjacent, one facing north, another due east and one due west. None faces south. In most of this vineyard there is just one row of vines on each terrace, and walls are between 1.6 and 3 meters high. The warm surface stones in the soil and the walls themselves play an important role in sustaining maturation through the night, while the balance achieved by the varying aspects is key to this rare wine.

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ESTABLISHED 1820
PORT



Graham's The Stone Terraces Vintage Port is only bottled when this vineyard produces an incomparable wine deriving from its unique location and layout; predominantly a single row of vines on each traditional dry stone-walled terrace, and the quality does not necessarily follow the pattern of general Vintage Port declarations. The Symington family, owners of Graham's, believe that the 2015 The Stone Terraces will age superbly as a remarkable Vintage Port of extraordinary elegance and complexity.

The first ever The Stone Terraces was the 2011 Vintage Port which received exceptional reviews from the international press; 97 points Wine Spectator, 18.5/20 Jancis Robinson and was called 'a masterpiece' by leading Portuguese commentator, Manuel Carvalho.

Production: 400 cases (9lt)

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Stone terraces at Malvedos vineyards

About Graham's

W & J Graham's was founded in Porto in 1820. Renowned worldwide for producing outstanding Vintage Ports, Graham's also makes a range of Aged Tawny Ports, Late Bottled Vintage, Reserve and Quinta Vintage Ports. Graham's growing success in the 19th Century resulted in the acquisition of the famous Quinta dos Malvedos in the Alto Douro and in the construction of the imposing Graham's 1890 Lodge. Overlooking the city of Porto, the Graham's Lodge houses over 3,500 seasoned oak casks of Port, numerous large oak vats, an extensive Vintage Port cellar and Vinum – one of Porto's premier restaurants. Graham's is owned by the Port-producing Symington family. For more information visit www.grahams-port.com and www.facebook.com/grahams.port.wine

About Symington Family Estates

The Symingtons have been Port producers for five generations since 1882 but their involvement in Port dates back fourteen generations to 1652 through their great-grandmother Beatrice Leitão de Carvalhosa Atkinson. The family company is a leading quality Port producer with companies such as Graham's, Cockburn's, Dow's and Warre's, as well as being the leading vineyard owner in the Douro Valley with 1 035 hectares (2 558 acres) of vines at 27 quintas (vineyards). Many of the region's finest quintas belong to the family. For more information on Symington Family Estates, visit www.symington.com and discover more on blog.symington.com and www.facebook.com/grahams.port.wine