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WARRE'S 2007 VINTAGE PORT

The wine

Although Warre is the oldest British Port shipper and perhaps the most traditional producer of Vintage Port, we are pleased to announce that significant changes have taken place since our last declaration in 2003.

VINEYARDS

Quinta da Cavadinha:
Quinta do Retiro Antigo
Quinta da Telhada:

Vinha Velha (old vines) & Touriga Nacional
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Quinta do Retiro

We purchased the renowned Quinta do Retiro Antigo (formerly Bom Retiro Pequeno) from the Serodio family in 2006. Although this vineyard has been a component of Warre Vintage Port for over 70 years, this is the first Vintage Declaration with the estate in the company's ownership.

Old vines which make up 78% of the Quinta, are very old indeed, some are well over 50 years old. These vines are incredibly low yielding, and in 2007 they produced wines that are rich in aromas of violets and mint, while on the palate they contribute intensity and concentration.

Quinta da Telhada

In addition we used some wine from the mature vineyard at Quinta da Telhada in the Douro Superior. This estate was also purchased in 2006 and is a very welcome addition to the Warre stable. Although in the past we have incorporated wines from the Douro Superior, having full control over the viticulture and winemaking ensures significantly improved results and wines made exactly as we wish. The more easterly situated and earlier ripening Telhada estate produced a wonderful wine from a mixed lagar of Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca. This having been fermented at higher temperatures, brought complexity and richness to the wine.

Quinta da Cavadinha

At Quinta da Cavadinha we have one of the most sophisticated Port producing wineries in the Douro valley, equipped with six robotic lagares and three plunger tanks. The combination of this winemaking equipment with the grapes produced in the non-mechanised Vinha Velha vineyards, which make up 30% of the Quinta, produced outstanding wines in 2007. At Cavadinha fermentations were deliberately carried out at lower temperatures, producing more elegant wines. This fermentation technique was only possible because of the perfect ripeness of the grapes. Excellent colour was also obtained with the use of the lagares. Another important component of the wine was the Cavadinha Touriga Nacional. These vines are now 10 years old and their maturity delivered excellent results; firm and aromatic wines which added depth to the blend.

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PERCENTAGE OF GRAPE VARIETIES

VARIETY	PERCENT	YIELDS PER VINE	BAUMÉ	VINIFICATION
Vinha Velha	65%	0.75Kg	13.1°	Lagar
T Nacional	23%	0.85Kg	14.1°	Lagar
T Franca	12%	1.45Kg	13.3	Lagar

PICKING DATES

Quinta da Cavadinha:	24th September – 6th October
Quinta do Retiro Antigo	17th September – 8th October
Quinta da Telhada:	11th – 29th September

VINIFICATION

Lagares 100%

WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol by Volume:	20% v/v (20°C)
Total acidity:	4.50 (g/l)
Baumé:	3.80

The wines were held in wooden vats for 18 months. Bottled in May 2009 with no filtration or fining.

TASTING NOTE

Inky and concentrated, with opaque colour given by the famous old vines of Retiro Antigo. This concentration combines perfectly with the freshness imparted by the wines from the higher lying Cavadinha vineyards to produce lovely fresh flavours of blackberry fruit. A wine of enormous elegance, combining vibrant lifted fruit with power and long lasting flavours. The wine was much enhanced by the exuberance of the Telhada Touriga Franca grapes.

WINE MAKERS:

- Peter Symington
- Charles Symington
- Miles Edlmann

TASTING PANEL:

Peter, Charles,
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