

2010 QUINTA DA CAVADINHA VINTAGE PORT



Warre's, founded in 1670, was the first British Port company established in Portugal and therefore the pioneer of a great tradition; its history is synonymous with that of Port itself. Warre's Ports are distinguished for their structure, elegance and softly perfumed nose.

They have a particularly fresh and elegant style. Warre's premium wines are sourced from Quinta da Cavadinha, Quinta do Retiro and Quinta da Telhada, three of the finest estates of the Douro Valley. Warre's Vintage Ports are renowned the world over for their excellence and are consistently placed amongst the best in comparative tastings.

THE WINE

In 'declared' years, the wines of Quinta da Cavadinha are an important component of Warre's Vintage Port. In years between declarations, the wines from Cavadinha are often released as a Vintage Port solely from this property. Quinta da Cavadinha is the foundation of Warre's Vintage Ports. A considerable proportion of the estate is made up of old, mixed vineyards, some of which are over half a century old.

Yields are rarely above 1kg/vine and these grapes provide superb complexity and structure to the wines.

Cavadinha, meaning 'well-tilled' is located in the Pinhão Valley, not far from where the Pinhão River flows into the Douro. The lower section of the vineyard, brushing the banks of the river has gentle gradients, contrasting with the steeply terraced vineyards further up the slope, which reach altitudes of up to 400 metres. The aspect of the vineyard is predominantly east-facing which - combined with the altitude - means Cavadinha has a cooler ripening cycle and is often the last of our family's Quintas to be harvested.

YEAR AND HARVEST OVERVIEW

Following three very dry years, the winter of 2010 brought abundant and very badly needed rainfall, which replenished the water table, creating reserves for the drier season. There was no rain at all during the summer and August was exceptionally hot. The availability of good water reserves, however, coupled with a hot spring, stimulated the vegetative vigour of the vines, which led to good fruit development. Barring a few light showers in September, the vintage took place under good conditions.

Charles Symington, Douro, October 2010

WINEMAKERS

Charles Symington and Mário Natário.

TASTING NOTE

Distinctive floral bouquet of roses, an identifiable hallmark of Warre's Vintage Ports. Alongside the floral aromas are also notes of ganache with hints of red currant and kirsch. Beautifully rounded fruit on the palate produces a fine, silky texture with polished tannins providing poise and balance.

Symington tasting room, Spring 2023

STORAGE & SERVING

Store the bottle horizontally, ideally in a cool place with a constant temperature. Decant before serving, ideally a few hours beforehand. An excellent dessert wine to enjoy on its own or with chocolate desserts. A very good match with blue cheeses.

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol: 20% (v/v 20°C)
Total acidity: 4.7 g/l tartaric acid
Baumé: 3.5°

Allergy advice: Contains sulphites

PROVENANCE · GRAPE VARIETIES

Warre's Quinta da Cavadinha vineyard · Pinhão Valley · Douro Demarcated Region · Portugal.
Grape varieties: Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz, old mixed vines and Touriga Franca.