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WINE MERCHANTS

Nirvana Reserve Port, Dow's

Douro Valley, Portugal

Product code	DW12ZZBX
Grapes	Port Blend Red
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	20
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Dow's / Symington Family Estates
Vintage	TBA

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Producer

The roots of Dow's standing as a great Port house reach back over 200 years. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, Dow's Vintage Ports have been landmark wines in virtually every great year, consistently setting the standard amongst all Port houses. Vintage Ports such as the remarkable Dow 1896, the 1927, 1945 1955, 1963 and so on until the Dow 1994 are all legends in the history of this great wine. These Ports are still magnificent today, even when 50 or 100 years old. Few wines can claim this quality and pedigree. In 1912, Andrew Symington became a partner in Dow's and today five members of the family own and work in the company: they personally manage all aspects of winemaking from the vineyard to the final bottling.

Tasting Notes

A special Port made to complement chocolate. Aromas of wild roses and violets so prominent in the blend are the hallmark of the grapes produced at Dow's Senhora da Ribeira estate. The soft ripe tannins, intense texture and dry finish come from Dow's other key vineyard, Quinta do Bomfim.

Viticulture

The grapes for Dow's Nirvana come from two of Dow's key vineyard sites, namely the Quinta do Bomfim and Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira vineyards, which have been owned by Dow's since the late 19th century. Bomfim is situated in the centre of the best wine-producing area, known as the 'Cima Corgo', which offers an ideal balance between the relatively wet 'Baixo Corgo' to the west and the intense heat of the 'Douro Superior' to the east. Bomfim is south-facing ensuring ample exposure to the sun; its stony schist soil affords excellent drainage allowing water to reach the vines' deep roots; the annual rainfall is near perfect at 800mm and the altitude ranges from 120 to 340 metres above sea level. The climate is consistent, blessed with a favourable combination

of temperate and Mediterranean influences, respectively from Portugal's Atlantic coast and the Spanish hinterland. The principal grape varieties planted are: Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz and old mixed vines. Two-thirds of the vineyard is now over 20 years old, whilst one third is between 30 to 40 years old. Senhora da Ribeira, on the other hand, is located 24km upriver from Quinta do Bomfim and is set in the remote, hot and dry Douro Superior and commands a magnificent north bank position. The quinta's high proportion of old vines (45% are over 25 years old) is of critical importance. The old vines are very low-yielding, producing on average less than 1Kg of grapes each, giving intense and concentrated grapes.

Winemaking

2 years in old oak casks