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Vale do Bomfim, Douro Red Dow's

Douro Valley, Portugal



Product code	DW46ZZRC
Grapes	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	13.5
Case Size	12
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Dow's / Symington Family Estates
Vintage	2023

Vegan Vegetarian

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ESTABLISHED 1798
DOW'S
PORT

Producer

Dow's is one of the Douro's great historic Port houses, its modern identity forged when James R. Dow merged his company with Silva & Cosens in 1877, creating a shipper renowned for powerful, long-lived Vintage Ports. In 1912 the Symington family became custodians of Dow's vineyards and lodges, working alongside the Warre family until becoming sole owners in 1961. Across generations they have shaped the character of Dow's through Quinta do Bomfim, Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira and deep partnerships with Douro farmers. Today Dow's remains a benchmark for structured, ageworthy Port, celebrated for its top-scoring Vintage releases and its acclaimed aged Tawny collection, all crafted with the same commitment to stewardship and sustainability that defines the Symingtons' legacy in the Douro.

Tasting Notes

A quintessential, easy-drinking Portuguese red blend that works on its own yet would shine with food. Black fruits and fresh cracked black pepper both on the nose and palate. Medium acid plus firm, medium tannins round out the structure of this versatile wine.

Viticulture

Following a succession of very hot and dry years in the Douro, the 2021 growth cycle and harvest were some of the coolest in recent years. While large areas of Europe experienced extreme heat (with July being the hottest ever recorded in the continent), the Douro experienced an unusually cool summer with none of the heat waves that have become common in the region. Moderate conditions in 2021 encouraged slower, gradual maturations with balanced ripening, while the harvest itself was defined by three key periods of rain impacting our picking schedule. The remarkably cool nights contributed to excellent acidity and very good colour in the wines. The 2021 harvest was drawn out over six weeks,

contrastingly sharply with that of 2020, which lasted less than a month.

Winemaking

The grapes are sorted with great care, de-stemmed and gently crushed. The fermentation temperatures and the maceration process, through pumping over and rack and return procedures, are closely monitored and adjusted for each individual fermentation, so that the wine can best reflect the innate quality and characteristics of the grapes earmarked for this wine. Sensory analysis determines the moment solids are separated from the free run juice, to produce a fruit driven red wine, with a medium structure, which ages 6 months in oak to complete its élevage, achieving the final profile to be bottled.