

Quinta do Bomfim, Dow's Douro Valley, Portugal



Product code	DW1013FC
Grapes	Port Blend Red
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	20
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Dow's / Symington Family Estates
Vintage	2013



Vegan



Vegetarian



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

"Lovely bright floral freshness with the typical Douro aromas of rock rose as well as the trademark Quinta do Bomfim signature of eucalyptus, mint and bristling blackberry intensity. The seductive palate offers up succulent, ripe black fruit flavours with strands of liquorice and peppery tannins vying for attention. Immensely pleasurable to drink now but with the substance and structure that will see it develop in bottle for another couple of decades. Symington tasting room, Winter 2021"

Viticulture

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Winemaking

"Following three consecutive years of drought, the winter of 2010 resembled a deluge at times with well above-average rainfall and very cold conditions that brought frequent snowfalls to the Douro. At Bomfim, we had 50% more rainfall from October (2009) to March 2010, 789 mm instead of the

average for the period: 524mm. This was excellent for replenishing the much-depleted water tables. The cold, wet weather delayed budbreak by ten days, but the very warm spring brought excellent conditions for flowering and fruit-set. The wet winter proved a blessing due to the summer extremes experienced; July and August were not only hotter than usual, but also exceptionally dry, without a single drop of rain. Owing to the delayed cycle, the vintage started about a week later than usual, on September 20th. We held back on picking the Touriga Nacional to allow it to ripen fully. This was a good call, and our patience was vindicated by the Nacional musts, which were well balanced, with good colour and tannins. They produced structured wines with very elegant aromas. Charles Symington, Douro, October 2010"

Awards

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