# Quinta do Bomfim, Dow's

## Douro Valley, Portugal




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| **Product code** | DW1015FC |
| **Grapes** | Port Blend Red |
| **Country** | PORTUGAL |
| **ABV%** | 20 |
| **Case Size** | 6 |
| **Closure Style** | Cork |
| **Producer** | Dow's / Symington Family Estates |
| **Vintage** | 2015 |

Vegan Vegetarian

## 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

"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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