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20 Year Old Tawny Port, Dow's

Douro Valley, Portugal



Product code	DW0620FC
Grapes	Port Blend Red
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	20
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Dow's / Symington Family Estates
Vintage	20YRS

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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

With a polished brown centre and orangeamber edges, this wine has a honeysuckle scent with discreet butterscotch notes. Refined and balanced on the palate, flinty and mellowed tannins meld with concentrated red berry fruit and lifted mineral freshness. Nuanced flavours of tobacco lead to a focused, dry finish.

Viticulture

The Tawny Ports from Dow's are selected once the wines are in barrel but the grapes come from across their 4 key vineyard sites; Bomfim, Senhora de Ribeira, Cerdeira and Santinho. 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 and 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, a combination of temperate and Mediterranean influences. Senhora da Ribeira is located 24km upriver from Quinta do Bomfim and is set in the remote, hot and dry Douro Superior on the north bank of the river. 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. As with Bomfim, the consistency of the climate plays a key role, although the rainfall is only half of that experienced at Bomfim: 448mm is the 10 year average. This more extreme climate, hot dry summers and cold, equally dry winters results in wines with unique depth of colour and complexity. As with Senhora da Ribeira, Santinho and Cerdeira benefit from a south-facing aspect and also share the same climatic profile. Between them, these two vineyards have a total of 18 hectares under vine, planted primarily with the Touriga Franca and the Tinta Roriz varieties.

Winemaking

Extensively aged in older oak barrels

Awards

"93 points: Wine Spectator 30/06/2018, Wine Enthusiast 05/01/2019, jamessuckling 14/09/2018.
92 points: Wine Spectator 30/04/2019.
91 points: Wine Enthusiast 03/01/2008, robertparker.com 30/04/2019.
89 points: Wine Enthusiast 08/01/2019.
88 points: jancisrobinson.com 16/04/2019.
85 points: jancisrobinson.com 08/11/2018."