



WARRE'S DECLARES THE OUTSTANDING 2007 VINTAGE PORT

It is with pride that we announce the declaration of our Warre's 2007 Vintage Port, a truly exceptional wine to join the ranks of memorable Vintage Ports from the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as the more recent 2000 and 2003 Vintages, all of which have earned for Warre's its unique reputation.

The recession is a harsh reality, but this lovely wine, to be bottled in a few weeks time, will be enjoyed in 15 and 20 years from now, when the current problems will be long gone.

Climatic conditions appeared unpromising during a part of the year with a dry winter followed by unseasonably damp weather in the late spring. We had to be very careful in order to protect the grapes from the risk of fungal damage. The turnaround came in August which continued cool but significantly was very dry, unlike many other parts of Europe which were assailed by humid weather. This proved hugely beneficial to the fruit; the cool days and nights provided for even and balanced maturations, delivering grapes with ideal ripeness. The foundations were laid for an outstanding Vintage. Good fortune was once again with us; the almost total absence of rain during the harvest further enhanced the exceptional quality of the wines.

A source of pride to us is the fact that the 2007 is the first Warre's Vintage made entirely from our own vineyards. For nearly a century a pivotal component of Warre's Vintage Port has come from Quinta do Retiro in the Rio Torto which we acquired in 2006. In that same year, we also purchased a very fine Douro Superior vineyard of perfectly mature Touriga Nacional and Franca vines: Quinta da Telhada. The magnificent wines from this 32 ha property have for the first time contributed to a Warre's Vintage, adding even more breadth and complexity.

The outstanding wines selected from Retiro, Telhada, as well as our main estate of Cavadinha have come together to make what we believe is one of the finest Warre's Vintage Ports ever made. Of significance is the fact that 65% of the grapes that make up the final blend were sourced from 'vinha velha' (old vines: 50 years +) from Retiro and Cavadinha. The Touriga Nacional (from Cavadinha and Telhada), is sensational and contributes a further 23%, whilst the balance is comprised of Touriga Franca (primarily from Telhada) which delivered elegant floral aromas – a hallmark of the Warre's style.

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