Croft Port, Douro Valley, Portugal

# Croft Late Bottled Vintage

## DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

The House of Croft has been an important player in this style of Port for many years. The wines used to blend Croft LBV were drawn from a reserve of some of the best full bodied red ports, produced at this harvest, from grapes grown on Croft's own vineyard, Quinta da Roêda, and other top properties in the Cima Corgo and Douro Superior areas.

Unlike vintage port, which is bottled after only two years in wood and ages in bottle, LBV is aged in wood and then blended after 6 years and is ready to drink when bottled. The blending process ensures that the wine is balanced and complete and that there is continuity of style in relation to previous Croft LBVs.

#### TASTING NOTES

Intense purple ruby core with vivid purple rim. The nose displays the ripe strawberry and blackcurrant fruitiness and resiny notes of rockrose and eucalyptus that are the essence of the Croft Vintage Port style. The palate opens with a surge of rich berry fruit flavour and is supported by a dense mesh of close-knit tannins. Although the wine displays some of the plump, rubenesque character of prior Croft Vintages, the accent here is on symmetry and finesse. The characteristically exuberant fruit and heady herbal aromas are carefully modulated and the wine is classical in its proportions. An elegant and aromatic Vintage Port, perfectly poised between opulence and restraint.

### How to serve

Should be served in a generously proportioned wine glass so that its rich fruity nose can be enjoyed to the full. Excellent with fully flavoured cheeses, especially blue cheeses such as Stilton or Roquefort. It is also delicious with desserts made with chocolate or berry fruits.

"(...) I love the personality imbued into this Croft, a Vintage Port that seems to be wearing its heart on its sleeve. Excellent."

Neal Martin, Vinous - 94 Points 2018



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VINTAGE 2016

> STYLE Port

## Blend of grapes

Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Roriz, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Cão, Tinta Amarela

> WINEMAKER David Guimaraens

> > ALCOHOL 20.5%

