



BROADBENT Vintage Port 2017



Country

Portugal

Region

Douro

Varietal Blend

Touriga Franca, Tinta Amarela, Tinto Cão, Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz, Sousão, Touriga Nacional and others

Winemakers

Dirk Niepoort

Alcohol Content

19.5%

Residual Sugar

98 g/L

Total Acidity

4.53 g/L

Total Sulphur

54 ppm

pH

3.70

HISTORY

The first vintage of Broadbent port was produced in 1994, when Bartholomew Broadbent, after spearheading the port revival in the U.S. and Canada, launched his own brand. That inaugural vintage was voted best-in-show at a comprehensive tasting of vintage port during the Aspen Food & Wine Classic. Bartholomew has long-lasting relationships with the Douro Valley's best Port producers and works with esteemed winemakers on the Broadbent Port range.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

2017 will be remembered for its intense heat and record low levels of rainfall. In spite of the dry weather, flowering and bud burst developed under good conditions, and in August and September the high day temperatures and cool nights allowed for even and gradual ripening. Harvest began on August 24th, and took place under perfect weather conditions, with musts displaying intense color and a powerful character. The last grapes were harvested on September 26th. Yields were down by approximately 30% compared to a normal year, essentially due to water stress. Grapes were foot-trodden in granite lagares, and vinified with the stems. The wines were aged in old wooden vats over the winter, then moved to Vila Nova de Gaia in April. The final blend matured in wooden vats at Vila Nova de Gaia prior to bottling in July, 2019.

TASTING NOTES

Dark purple rim and great depth of color. Aromatic profile is dominated by youthful dark fruit. A great combination of power and elegance, ending in a bold, dry, lengthy and slightly green tannic finish.

