



Niepoort 'Late Bottled Vintage 2003

This is perhaps the most significant Premium Port of our range. Winemaker Dirk van der Niepoort calls this the "Little Brother" of our Vintage Port, as the origins of the grapes and vinification methods are identical. Taken from Ports made in the 2003 harvest, this Late Bottled Vintage however has extended cask maturation making it drinkable at a younger age, yet retaining the essence of its superior "sibling".

Tasting Notes

Deep red colour with a very vivacious, lively aroma of fresh dark plums, cherries and a hint of chocolate along with a silky aroma giving the wine great finesse. Fabulous extract on the palate with a tight grainy texture intertwined with fresh dark fruits and a mellow spirity finish.

The wine can be enjoyed now, and will become more complex with further cellaring until 2025. To fully benefit from its qualities we recommend it be decanted before serving. Serve with soft cheeses, mild blue cheese, dark chocolate desserts or a pepper steak!

Vinification

The grapes for Niepoort 2003 LBV came from selected parcels of vineyards in the Cima Corgo, Douro region. The grapes were trodden in lagares and later the port was matured in large wooden vats at our lodges in Gaia. At Niepoort the tradition is to bottle the LBV's four years after the harvest: Dirk tries «to bottle it as soon as we can in order to reveal the fruit and freshness of the LBV in the moment of the tasting».

Technical Information

Product . Late Bottled Vintage 2003

Produced . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.

Region . Douro

Year . 2003

Soil Type . Schist

Vines . Vinha da Pisca, Vale do Pinhão e Ferrão

Average Vine Age . Over 70 years

Cast Varieties . Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cão, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarela, Sousão, Tinta Roriz and others

Vines per Ha . 4000 - 6000

Harvest Period . September | October

Way of Harvest . Hand picked

Fermentation . Lagares | Foot Treading

Bottled . 2007

Ageing . Large old vats

Residual Sugar . 99,3 g/ L

Alcool . 20 % vol

Baumé . 3,5

PH . 3,57

Total Acidity . 4,63 g/L Tartaric Acid

Production . 65.000 bottles

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