



# Niepoort 'Vintage Port 1983

The magic of vintage port is different in every phase : as a young wine it captures the youthful fruit characters, then after 20 years or more the wonderful effects of slow bottle age integration are revealed and finally after many decades the spirit dominates the wine. Vintage port is amazing in all three phases.

Maturation in the bottle is more reductive than cask ageing and the wine that results has a fruitiness and power which develops in the traditional black port bottle. The wine must be decanted, serve at the end of a meal with cheese, especially blue cheese which goes really well.

## Tasting Notes

Solid red appearance with good depth of colour. On the aroma, initially austere and closed, but with time, some notes of spice and pepper come through. Sweet fruit on the palate and revealing great freshness and a lengthy firm structure.

## Vinification

Following a very long cold winter and a relatively cool spring and early summer, it was only in september that the weather really picked up and fruit achieved full ripeness, so in general the harvest started late with some full bodied wines being made in granite lagares with foot treading.

Following 2 years ageing in large old oak vats in our cellars in vila nova de gaia, the wine was bottled.

## Technical Information

**Product** . Vintage Port 1983

**Produced** . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.

**Region** . Douro

**Year** . 1983

**Soil Type** . Schist

**Vines** . Vale do Pinhão e Ferrão

**Average Vine Age** . 60 and over 100 years

**Cast Varieties** . Touriga nacional, touriga franca, tinto cão, tinta francisca, tinta amarela, sousão and tinta roriz

**Vines per Ha** . 4000 - 6000

**Harvest Period** . September/October 1983

**Way of Harvest** . Hand picked

**Fermentation** . Lagares/Foot Treading

**Bottled** . 1985

**Ageing** . 2 Years in old oak vats

**Alcool** . 20,5 % vol

**Baumé** . 3,2

**PH** .

**Residual Sugar** . 97,25 g / L

**Total Acidity** . 4,13 g/L Tartaric Acid

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