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**GRAHAM'S**  
ESTABLISHED 1820  
**PORT**



### GRAHAM'S DECLARES THE 2007 VINTAGE

The opportunity to make a truly extraordinary wine occurs, with good fortune, only two or three times each decade in the Douro Valley. In these rare years, the result is a Vintage Port of superb quality with the promise of unmatched longevity.

The 2007 viticultural year was characterized by near perfect conditions in the Douro, save for a cool and damp early summer, which brought the threat of mildew to vineyards where proper precautions had not been taken. But we looked after our vineyards with great care and they suffered no harm. Leading up to the vintage, a long unbroken period of sunshine ensured beautifully balanced fruit ripening and picking took place on our vineyards under the finest possible conditions.

Our Graham's 2007 was vinified at the small Quinta dos Malvedos winery, equipped with traditional lagares, robotic treading lagares and plunger tanks. Once again the almost unlimited flexibility afforded to us by the automated treaders helped us to produce quite outstanding wines. This year is unique also in that it is the first time that wines from our newly acquired Quinta da Tua have formed a part of our Graham's Vintage Port. This property lies immediately upstream from Malvedos on the North bank of the Douro, its tributary, the Tua, flowing between the two. Stylistically the wines show similarities to the Malvedos wines, with dark plum on the palate and a hint of eucalyptus on the nose. We have also drawn from the very best wines of the family owned Quintas of Vila Velha just down-river from Malvedos and from Val Malhadas in the remote eastern part of the valley. With excellent fruit from five great vineyards to draw from, we have been able to make a truly remarkable Graham's Vintage Port.

The Graham's 2007 Vintage has the characteristic power, complexity and balance that guarantee it will improve for many decades to come. The wonderful violet and eucalyptus aromas of the perfectly ripened Touriga Franca from the Malvedos and Quinta das Lages vineyards give a very special elegance to this blend.

The history of Port and the Douro is made from wines such as Graham 1908, 1924, 1945 and 1948. Just as Graham's 2000 continued this tradition, the Graham's 2007 Vintage will take its place alongside these legendary wines.

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