



Founded in 1820 by William and John Graham in Portugal's Douro Valley, for two centuries Graham's has cultivated its reputation as one of the greatest names in Port. The quality of Graham's Port relies on the finest grapes, primarily sourced from five iconic quintas in the Douro Valley: Quinta dos Malvedos, Quinta do Tua, Quinta das Lages and two others, Quinta da Vila Velha and Quinta do Vale de Malhadas, which are privately owned by members of the Symington family.

## 1963

# IT HAS ENDORSED VINTAGE PORTS REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST WINES

#### THE YEAR

A cold winter, wet spring and relatively cool summer slowed the growing and ripening cycles and delayed the vintage, which only started in October. Rain on 11th September "has done a great deal of good" and was followed by three weeks of "the most perfect weather", in the words of John, my father, and his brother Ron Symington, recorded in our family's harvest report. Cool nights during the vintage conserved freshness and favoured ideal fermentation temperatures.

### THE WINE

Graham's produced a superstar wine wonderfully balanced with exceptional richness with intense flavours of plums and cassis all fi¬nished off with magnifi¬cent¬firm tannins. The wine now has magnifi¬cent aromas of vanilla, eucalyptus and rich flavours of mint still a rich attractive full tawny colour with soft warm tannins. This wine is a true example of Port wine's ability to age gracefully in bottle, few wines can stand the test of time.

Every time I have a glass of 1963 Vintage Port it reminds me why this wine is still rated as one of the greatest vintages Graham ever produced and will certainly stay testimony to its excellence for many more generations.

Peter Symington

#### WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 20% vol.(20°C) Total acidity: 3.90 g/L (tartaric acid) Baumé: 3.2 Allergy advice: Contains sulphites