1997 LBV PORT



APELLATION	VINEYARDS	SOIL
Port Wine	Terraces and vertical vines	Schist
VINEYARD EXPOSURE	AGE OF VINES	ALCOHOL, VOL%
East / South	70 years	19,5%
BOTTLING 2001	ANALYSIS T. Acidity: 4,13 g/dm3 pH: 3,64 Res.Sugar: 93,7 g/dm3	

GRAPE VARIETY

Mixed plantings (up to 25 different grape varieties).

VINIFICATION

Grapes are hand picked in small plastic craters. 100 % foot troden in traditional stone "lagares". Natural yeast. Basket press. Fortified brandy is added to the must at 8° Baumé to stop the fermentation. Wine is bottled without any finning or filtration after two years in wood.

AGEING

Ageing in wood 5 years in Portuguese oak.

TASTING

The addition of grape brandy is made to the free run juice after the natural fermentation has produced around 4 to 6 degrees of alcohol. The wine is then put into 9.000 litre vats where it ages for two years before bottling. Vintage Port is always bottled without any fining or filtration, thus throwing a deposit after a few years in bottled. It can be aged in the bottled for many years. "Fabulous aromas of crushed berries and flowers follow through to a full-bodied palate, with sweet fruit and a soft, round tannin structure."

WINEMAKERS

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