

W. & J.
GRAHAM'S
ESTABLISHED 1820
PORT



A few years ago, during one of our regular visits to the **GRAHAM'S** 1890 Lodge, we came upon the idea of releasing a Port that would pay tribute to the **GRAHAM'S** experience as a producer of fine old tawnies, building on the outstanding reputation that **GRAHAM'S** has earned with its Vintage Ports over the last two centuries and especially during the last 50 years.

The first year we chose from all our ageing wines in the **GRAHAM'S** 1890 Lodge, was one that we had always considered special: the 1961. This wine had matured under the watchful eye and nose of Peter, my father, while he was head winemaker, and we decided to bottle a small quantity to offer to our customers. This Port proved to be enormously successful, rapidly selling out. The decision to choose the very fine 1969 as the successor wine proved quite straightforward as we had singled it out, from among other stocks of fine maturing wines from the 1960's, as the one showing the same outstanding calibre and character that were embodied in its predecessor.

We took samples from each of the 21 casks of the 1969, still remaining in the lodge, lined them up

in the tasting room and carefully tasted each one. All casks proved to be worthy of selection for bottling but there were six that were truly exceptional, standing out from the others. They showed a very attractive, rich golden-amber colour with still some garnet reflections in the centre. The aromas proved simply mesmerizing, with delicate, floral qualities reminiscent of honeysuckle, vanilla and soft undertones of caramel. Deliciously concentrated in the mouth, whilst at the same time, smooth as silk, with exotic spice and a suggestion of butterscotch. The richness is balanced by a firm and refreshing acidity which gives the wine a perfect balance and structure, leading to an endless finish.

As a result, my cousins, Paul, Johnny, Rupert, and Dominic, as well as myself, have all agreed to bottle this special edition, drawing from these six casks (each producing just 712 bottles), as we believe this Port has reached a remarkable stage of maturity and will offer great pleasure to those fortunate enough to have the opportunity to enjoy it. We trust you will experience the same sensations that we had, when sampling a glass of this exceptional and unique Graham's 1969 Single Harvest Tawny.

CHARLES SYMINGTON, GRAHAM'S HEAD WINEMAKER,
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GRAHAM'S was founded in 1820 and has always been a family business. At the heart of the quality and reputation of Graham's wines is a collection of the finest vineyards in Portugal's Douro Valley. Following the harvest, the wines are transferred to the Graham's 1890 Lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia, a short distance from the Atlantic coast. There, the cool maritime climate provides perfect conditions for the gradual ageing process that results in fine, golden-amber hued cask matured Tawny Ports.

The story of GRAHAM'S 1969 SINGLE HARVEST TAWNY PORT begins in our lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal, where all Graham's wood Ports are carefully matured in oak casks. The Graham's Port Lodge is a unique gem thanks not only to its rich variety of maturing wines but also because of its special charm; it was built in 1890 (on the site of an earlier Graham's lodge) and is still in use today.

This edition marks a UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY to delve once more into one of Graham's well-kept treasures: fine cask aged Tawnies. The 1969 Single Harvest Tawny Port will give fine wine connoisseurs and Port collectors around the world the privilege of appreciating the unparalleled and timeless quality of Graham's cask-aged wine.



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