Dow's

PRODUCER
Dow's

REGION
Rest of world

WHERE
Vila Nova de Gaia and the Douro Valley, Portugal

CLASSIFICATION
Vintage Port

GRAPES
Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and other Douro varieties

VINTAGE AND SIZE
1983 · 12 x 75cl OWC

About Dow's

Dow's is one of the great names of Port, with roots in the firm of Silva & Cosens, founded in 1798, which merged with Dow & Co. in 1877. The Symington family, involved since the early twentieth century, now owns and runs the house, along with Graham's, Warre's and Cockburn's.

Dow's grapes come largely from its own quintas in the Douro Valley, notably Quinta do Bomfim and Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira. The house is known for a drier style of Vintage Port, firm and structured, and its declared vintages are among the most collected and longest-lived Ports.

About the wine

Dow's Vintage Port is made only in the finest years, when the house declares a vintage, from a blend of traditional Douro varieties such as Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca. It is notably drier and firmer than many Vintage Ports, with dark fruit, spice and a powerful tannic structure. It needs twenty years or more to mature, and the great vintages last for many decades.

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