

PORTO

NIEPOORT LBV LATE BOTTLED VINTAGE 2020

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TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine opens with an alluring bouquet of fresh figs and a subtle floral character, mingled with vibrant aromas of red berries. A refreshing minty undertone adds brightness, while a gentle spicy nuance provides depth.

The palate begins with a delightful sweetness, offering rich fruit flavours that gradually evolve into a more dry and spicy finish. The wine's nice acidity brings freshness and balance, supporting its elegant structure. Despite its boldness, the wine retains a delicate and complex profile, with layers of flavour unfolding seamlessly from start to finish.

WITH FOOD

The perfect partner for chocolate desserts, especially if dark chocolate is used. It will also pair beautifully with Cheddar, Gouda and Brie cheese as well as aromatic red meat dishes, venison, lamb, veal or pepper steak.



VINTAGE	2020
REGION	Porto
APPELLATION	Douro
GRAPES	Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cão, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarela, Sousão, Tinta Roriz and others
VINIFICATION	The growing season year in the Douro and the 2020 harvest at Niepoort will certainly be remembered for the extreme challenges experienced throughout the year, resulting in very low yields in the vineyards. Although the first winter months of November and December 2019 brought some very welcome rains to replenish depleted water levels, in addition to some precipitation in mid-January, the months of January and February were atypically dry and hot. The rains in March and April gave rise to early attacks of mildew and later powdery mildew, which continued until veraison. Overall, the year was considered hot and dry. At the Vale de Mendiz winery, the harvest began on August 31 under favourable conditions and the last grapes were received on September 24. The grapes for LBV 2020 stem from low-production vineyards in the Cima Corgo region of the Douro Valley. They were trodden by foot in granite lagares and the wine was aged in large oak barrels and the traditional pipas in the cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia. Niepoort's LBV is bottled in its fourth year, maintaining their tradition of giving maximum priority to freshness in its wines.
KEEPING	Several years.
BOTTLE	75cl
VOLUME	19.5%

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Niepoort ports are a Dutch family established in Portugal since the 18th Century and producing quality rather than quantity. Niepoort has been described as “the Rolls Royce of Port”. My first experience with Niepoort goes back to 1975, when armed with courage and conviction, I met in Oporto about 10 different potential suppliers and Niepoort was my lucky choice. Rolf the father and then Dirk carried on supplying Hourlier Wines with constant high standards. This is our only non French product. Non je ne regrette rien!