

PORTO

NIEPOORT VINTAGE 2015

Niepoort

TASTING NOTES

A great Vintage, showing beautiful concentration, vigour and complexity, but with plenty of finesse and remarkable freshness. The 2015 gives us a silky wine, with great structure and incredible balance thanks to its taut acidity and lower level of sweetness, which results in a fresher wine.

WITH FOOD

Aperitif.

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REGION Porto

APPELLATION Douro

GRAPES Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cão, Tinta Francisca, Tinta Amarela, Sousão and Tinta Roriz.

KEEPING Several years.

VINIFICATION

Niepoort states 'The 2014/15 viticultural year experienced a cold and very dry winter, with rainfall at a record low compared to previous years. In addition, the spring and summer were dry and hot with three heat waves occurring in June/July, prior to a cooler month of August – the low humidity ensured that the incidence of disease was at an all-time low, and as a result, the vineyards delivered superb, clean fruit – an indicator of paramount importance for a great Vintage Port. At Niepoort, in Vale de Mendiz, harvest started on 28 August under fine conditions. Even the rain on 15 and 16 September as well as the lower temperatures were most beneficial, allowing the grapes to reach full maturity without the problems of splitting and subsequent rot which could be expected in a year with normal levels of soil humidity. The 2015 vintage perpetuates Niepoort's tradition of creating balanced Ports which offer great concentration but also incredible elegance and finesse. What makes the 2015 vintage so unique is the purity of fruit – a result of low humidity during the growing season which was not affected by the rain on 15 and 16 September. It provided a diversity of parcels from which to blend the 2015 Vintage Port – some more acid-driven, from the early September harvest before the rain, and others slightly riper and harvested after mid-September.'

BOTTLE 75cl

VOLUME 20.0%

NIEPOORT

An independent company set up by Franciscus Marius van der Niepoort in 1842, the Dutch family were late to arrive on the port market scene compared to their already well established British competition. However, it was through very good relations with the native vineyard owners that has enabled Niepoort to produce four generations of quality port wine. Now even though they were able to sustain a niche position in the port market, the Niepoort's were relatively unheard of in the British market until the 5th generation, Eduard Dirk Niepoort, joined his father at



the helm of the family business in 1987.