

Product code: 1394

Delaforce, 'Curious & Ancient', 20 Year Old Tawny Port, Douro, Portugal



Producer Profile

Real Companhia Velha is the oldest wine company in Portugal, having recently celebrated 260 years of uninterrupted port production.

Founded in 1756 by the King of Portugal, this company represents some of the finest Quintas in the Douro. Old but not out of touch, they have been able to preserve and honour the traditional winemaking while investing in the future with constant modernisation and experimentation in their vineyards.

Viticulture

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Winemaking

The wine is carefully blended after full tasting and examination of Delaforce Ports which are selected from the best areas of the Douro Port region every year to become reserves for His Eminence. These reserves will remain maturing in casks over many years in Vila Nova de Gaia until they reach the mellow perfection for which it has justly gained much fame.

Tasting Note

This very rare old tawny is drawn from the firm's extensive reserves of old cask matured port. Its elegant and complex nose displays aromas of orange flower, walnut and butterscotch, spicy hints of liquorice and vanilla and an attractive 'cigar box' woodiness on a background of rich figgy fruit. In the mouth it is round, smooth and richly-flavoured with a long spicy and jammy finish.

Food Matching

Serve with blue cheese, mature cheddar, nuts, and chocolate desserts.

Awards

Wine Spectator 90 Points

Features loads of slate and flinty accents to the butterscotch, hazelnut and creamy white fruit flavors. Hints of pepper linger on the crisp finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made. 90 Points, KM.

Wine Advocate 89 Points

This silky 20 is light in body for a 20, but has some welcome hints of age, along with a bright feel. Gentle and laid back, it is fairly straightforward for a 20, but quite pleasing, caressing in texture and possessed of just a bit of complexity. It comes with a bar top cork. 89 Points, MS.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Touriga Nacional
Touriga Franca
Tinta Roriz

ABV: 20%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: Red

Style: Port

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Treatment