

# Reviews & Accolades VINTAGE 2000

## INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE

June 2015

Gold Medal

Impressively complex nose with leather, slate and christmas cake aromas. Flavours of liquorice and chocolate in a harmonious palate.

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2014

Gold Medal

Multifaceted, dried raisins and figs, peel, almonds and coffee with a tell tale lift of dried herbs and hawthorns. Harmonious combination of succulent tannins and integrated acidity.

## RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, May 2013

5 Stars & 19 / 20 Points

Impenetrable black-red colour, full and dense. The bouquet is packed with ripe aromas of black berry fruit and black plums with liquorice and black pepper, raisins and savoury tar and earth nuances. This has the freshness of primary fruit still, with just the beginnings of development appearing. Sweet to taste, very rich, ripe and succulent flavours of blackberries, cassis, raisins and plums fill the palate. The extraction is serious with powerful, but very fine-grained tannins underlining the fruit. The grip has a slight drying effect but is balanced by alcohol spirit and power that sweetens the mouthfeel. The flavours are carried to a very long, dry finish. This is a Vintage Port of finesse and elegance, with great poise between dry textures and sweet richness. Just showing signs of development, it will keep 20-30 years. Fruit principally from Quinta dos Malvedos, Quinta dos Lages, Quinta da Vila Velha and Quinta de Vale de Malhadas.

# JANCISROBINSON.COM

Jancis Robinson, December 2012

18.5 / 20 Points

Polished and dense and explosive. Interesting contrast with Noval 2000. More of a Fonseca style in its opulence. Lots of fun! Great richness ...complete.

## RICHARDMAYSON.COM

Richard Mayson, 2010

# 18.5 / 20 Points

Deep, youthful opaque colour; lovely perfume and surprisingly open, very pure fruit; opulent, dense, very powerful, forceful tannins, big, ripe and very fine and rich. Keep at least ten years. The first Graham vintage to be made partially (36%) in robotic lagares.

# **WINE SPECTATOR**

2003

## 98 Points, Ranked 9th in Top 100

Graham's is a shinning example of an established Port house pushing the boat out to make even better wines through better viticulture and winemaking methodology. This is the greatest Young Vintage Port from Graham I have ever tasted, and perhaps it will be better in the long term than the legendary 1948. It smells like freshly picked orchids, with loads of ripe, clean fruit and then turns full-bodied, medium-sweet and very powerful in the mouth with big velvety tannins. It lasts for minutes on your palate. There's great balance and class to this young Vintage port. Best after 2014.

#### JANCIS ROBINSON MW

# JANCIS ROBINSON MW, 2002

## 18.5 / 20 Points

Truly excellent depth of healthy crimson, bursting with life. Surprisingly well integrated flavours on the nose combine to form an impression of bitter chocolate with a little treacle. Massive, soft palate entry. Surely this has been worked very hard in the cellar - robotic lagares or whatever? Quite different tannins to most others with great layers of ripe fruit. Very impressive and ultra-fruity. Thoroughly modern port - not the classic dry style, nor obviously old fashioned Portuguese sweet. Something new! Drink 2008-2030.

# THE WINE ADVOCATE

## Robert Parker, 2002

# 94 Points

Grapy, unformed, black raspberry liqueur and licorice-infused cassis notes leap from the glass of this opaque purple-colored wine. Sweet, plush, rich, and accessible, it is a forward, lush, concentrated effort that should drink well for two decades. While not one of Graham's most profound ports, it should wvolve rapidly, providing immense crowd appeal. Drink: 2002-2022.

# MICHAEL BROADBENT MW

# Michael Broadbent MW, 2002

# 5 Stars

Velvety intensity. Remarkably sweet as always, floral scents, glorious flavour, richness masking tannin. Great wine.