

W. & J.  
**GRAHAM'S**  
ESTABLISHED 1820  
PORT

**"THE SUMPTUOUS, JEWELLY QUALITY  
OF A FULLY MATURE VINTAGE PORT."**

JANCIS ROBINSON, DECEMBER 2015



1983 was one of the finest harvests of the decade and the Graham's 1983 Vintage Port is perfectly mature, showing the unique characteristics that have made Vintage Port one of the world's greatest wines. This Vintage Port was bottled in the spring of 1985 and has been kept in our cellars for more than thirty years. Wines of this age are very rare and this Graham's 1983 has perfect provenance.

**FAMILY HARVEST REPORT**

"We are sure that some (wines) will prove to be outstanding... the fresh nose of the fermenting musts was most noticeable and reminded one to the similar lovely fermenting nose of the 1977s... we have every reason to feel satisfied and indeed profoundly relieved that the splendid autumn weather has resulted in a fine 1983 vintage."

*Michael Symington, Douro, October 1983*

**VINEYARDS**

Quinta dos Malvedos  
Quinta das Lages

**WINEMAKER**

Peter Symington

**TASTING NOTE**

Graham's 1983 Vintage has an intense garnet colour. The nose combines aromas of ripe red fruits with floral hints of violets and minty eucalyptus. On the palate it is full-bodied, well balanced and with silky tannins leading to a long and lingering finish. Drinking wonderfully now but will continue to age gracefully for many years.

*Symington Tasting Room, 2016*



**INTERNATIONAL  
WINE CHALLENGE 2016  
GOLD MEDAL**

**JANCIS ROBINSON MW  
ON THE GRAHAM'S  
1983 18.5/20**

*"Transparent ruby.  
Fully evolved with beautiful  
round satin texture (all tannins  
fully dissolved) with a very  
winning combination of  
liquorice and haunting sweet  
red fruit. Very gorgeous.  
This is clearly a great vintage  
to enjoy now."*  
*December 2015*

## 1983 VINTAGE PORT

**INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2013 · GOLD MEDAL**

*"Still amazingly vibrant with notes of black fruit and eucalyptus at the fore.  
Richer raisined fruit on the palate with a covering texture and peppery freshness."*

**DECANTER AWARDS 2006 · GOLD MEDAL & PORT TROPHY**

*"Lovely deep nose. Violet, floral. Fresh, dry finish, Excellent length and body.  
Very good, can be left for further ageing."*

**CLIVE COATES MW · THE VINE (1992) · 19/20 POINTS**

*"Top of all the 1983s tasted. Fullish colour. Rich, raw, backward nose.  
But there is a lot of class and depth and complexity here. Fullish, still backward.  
Rich, meaty, multi-dimensional flavours. Slightly cooked plums, but in a 1982 claret sense.  
Very fine. Very good balance. Long. Subtle finish. Excellent."*

**WINE SPECTATOR (1989) · 93 POINTS**

*"A superb achievement from a very underrated year. Deep dark ruby-purple, with rich floral  
and violet aromas, full-bodied, with masses of strawberry flavors, full tannins and a long finish."*

**ROBERT PARKER · WINE ADVOCATE (1989) · 92 POINTS**

*"Graham's vintage ports are truly sublime and sumptuous. The 1983, like most vintage ports,  
seems more forward than normal but has a great depth of very ripe, viscous, unctuous, plummy,  
tarry fruit and significant tannin in its long finish. It is black-purple in color. I doubt that it will  
be either as profound or as long-lived as the great 1977, but is certainly one of the top two  
or three ports of this vintage, and better than the excellent 1980."*

**ROY HERSH · FORTHELOVEOFPORT.COM (2011) · 93 POINTS**

*"Dark magenta color with no signs of its 28 years. Fresh black cherry, gentle spirit,  
ripe boysenberry. A symmetrical young Port at nearly three decades of age and certainly  
at the apex of the vintage. As delicious as it is today, this has another 15 years to be enjoyed  
before reaching peak circa 2025 or so. This will make for old bones, as the acidity  
and tannins have the necessary oomph to continue to improve and then this will have  
another 10+ years, as it both appears and tastes remarkably young today."*

