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Terra Feita
VINTAGE PORT
2008

 **QUINTA DE TERRA FEITA**
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Taylor's Quinta de Terra Feita 2008 Vintage Port

Taylor is to release a 2008 single quinta Vintage Port from its famous old estate of Quinta de Terra Feita. Announcing the release, Managing Director Adrian Bridge commented: "The exceptional Terra Feita single estate Vintage Port is a superb showcase of what this historic property is able to achieve. It has superb quality of fruit and all the concentration and intensity characteristic of the 2008 harvest." Technical Director and Wine Maker David Guimaraens added: "Picking and wine making conditions at Terra Feita were perfect throughout the 2008 harvest and this was a critical factor in the quality of the Ports. Yields were relatively low but this was made up for in the depth and structure of the wines." The 2008 Quinta de Terra Feita Vintage Ports will be available in selected markets in the Autumn of this year.

Notes on the 2008 viticultural year and harvest

The 2008 winter was drier and colder than normal with only 258mm of rain falling at Pinhão between November and March. Fortunately, a wet April ensured the ground water reserves were sufficiently replenished. Flowering occurred under wet and cold conditions and as a result poor set affected all grape varieties, resulting in lower yields, but with great concentration of flavour.

The temperatures for the 2008 growing season were remarkably similar to 2007, with lower than average temperatures and a mild August. The final ripening of the grapes was greatly enhanced with rain falling between the 4th and 7th September and a further downpour just before the vintage started. Picking started at Terra Feita de Baixo on 24th September and Terra Feita de Cima on 28th September.

The perfect weather conditions of hot days and cold nights allowed for a balanced harvest across the quinta. With low sugar levels at the beginning of the harvest, these gradually increased producing wines with great balance, structure and depth of flavour.

Tasting note

Inky purple black centre with a narrow violet rim. From the first moment the nose is drawn into a complex and powerful vortex of dense creamy blackberry, raspberry and cassis aromas fused with subtle notes of gumcistus and mint. This is classic Vintage Port in its extraordinary quality of fruit, combining power with refinement and complexity. The thickly textured tannins provide body and structure and the palate is brimming with fine concentrated black fruit flavour which flows over into the long finish. An outstanding Terra Feita displaying the character of the estate with great purity.

Quinta de Terra Feita

Located on the warm lower slopes of the Pinhão Valley, Terra Feita is one of the oldest port estates. Already identified as a source of the finest ports in the 1757 classification of Douro Vineyards, Terra Feita has supplied Taylor's with outstanding wines since the beginning of the last century. The wines of Terra Feita are full bodied, powerful, full of rich berry fruit flavour and incredible depth. Acquired by Taylor's 36 years ago, the property has been the site of pioneering work in batch planting and vineyard landscaping.



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