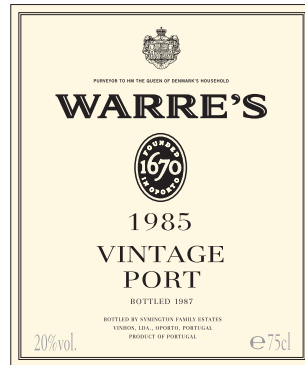




**“LOVELY, EXUBERANT, EXTRAVAGANT  
VINTAGE PORT.”**

ANDREW JEFFORD, THE WORLD OF FINE WINE



18 months after the 1985 harvest, the Vintage was formally 'declared' and at the time, Michael Symington wrote: "The acid test of course, before any declaration of a Vintage is how the wines look after having passed through their second winter, because it can often happen that young wines showing great promise fall off during the cold months of their second winter, but happily the 1985s have come through with flying colours."

**FAMILY VINTAGE REPORT**

In spite of the great heat the vineyards looked everywhere remarkably green and fresh, due of course to the very wet winter and spring. Never can the grapes have been gathered under better weather conditions than this 1985 vintage now in its last stages. Since early September we have enjoyed unbroken summer-like weather with only one night of rain, which hardly laid the dust! The overall quality of the 1985 Vintage will surely prove outstanding.

*Michael Symington, Douro, October 1985*

**TASTING NOTE**

Warre's 1985 Vintage has a ruby red colour. Now 31 years old this wine is wonderfully aromatic, packed with complex aromas of ripe red and dark fruits with floral undertones. On the palate typically Warre in style with tremendous elegance and finesse, packed with dark fruit flavours such as black cherry and plums, and 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 2013  
GOLD MEDAL**

*"Cherry red colour, lovely mature, spicy plum fruit with undertones of blackberry. Resolved tannins revealing layers of complex berry fruit and a lengthy finish."*

**VINEYARDS**

Quinta da Cavadinha  
Quinta do Retiro

**WINEMAKERS**

Peter Symington  
António Serôdio



## 1985 VINTAGE PORT

**ANDREW JEFFORD · THE WORLD OF FINE WINE (2004)**

*"Impressive, well-constructed aromas. Rich-textured, lush, almost salty flavours, with big piles of fruit heaped up one upon the other and a real warm brandied base beneath. Big, welcoming and extravagant (...) Lovely, exuberant, extravagant Vintage Port for the mid-term."*

**JANCIS ROBINSON MW (2006) · 18.5/20 POINTS**

*"Very very dark. Sweet, spicy, liquorice nose. Very broad start to the palate and then dried fruits on the finish. Lots of firm tannins still. Still relatively embryonic. Heat on the finish. Lovely spice on the finish. Not the most stereotypically feminine Warre style of wine. Powerful finish. Almost brawny with some wild fruit and flower flavours on the nose. Still chewy."*

**JAMES SUCKLING · VINTAGE PORT (1990)**

*"There is plenty of grip and backbone here. Deep purple, with concentrated grape and violet aromas, full-bodied, with huge grapy flavors, excellent backbone and a long finish."*

**ROBERT PARKER · THE WINE ADVOCATE (1987)**

*"WARRE has been making exceptionally fine Ports of late and their 1985 is the sweetest and richest of their recent Vintages. Extremely concentrated, rich, even luscious, this full bodied, intense, opulent wine has layers of fruit, a full blown bouquet and impeccable balance."*