

FONSECA

Fonseca belongs to the first league of Vintage Port houses. It was established in 1815 by Fonseca and Monteiros. Then the company was taken over by the Guimaraeus Family, who ran the business for more than hundred years, based in London until 1927 and was then repatriated to Oporto. They established the “First Growth” Vintage Port House.

The first declared Vintage port was in 1840 and the most reputed Vintages are: 1868, 1927, 1948, 1977, 1994(last four of them got 100 points), latest Vintages from 1997, 2000 and 2003.

The firm has three estates: Cruzeiro, Pansacal and Santa Antonio are the heart of the distinctive characters of Fonseca vintage Ports.

Fonseca best known product is Bin. No 27 is made from Quinta do Panascal grape. This is a fine reserve Port, launched four decades ago, and is one of the most popular and successful Port blends of Fonseca. It has lush seductive characters, exotic and one of the most complex Port. Most Fonseca Port has an opulent fruity character which define the house style.

James Suckling said: “The Bentley of Vintage Port is Fonseca” and Robert M. Parker said: “Fonseca is a Pomerol of Vintage Port”.