



## DOW'S 30 YEARS OLD TAWNY

### Tawny Port | DOC Porto

Dow's 30 Year Old Tawny is one of the rarest bottlings in the Symington portfolio — at any moment, only six to seven casks qualify for this release at the Vila Nova de Gaia Lodge. Wines averaging three decades of age have been shaped by slow, controlled oxidation into something of extraordinary refinement: quince, dried peach, bitter orange and a saline, almost volatile complexity that expert tasters describe as the rancio of great Tawny. AGEING: three decades in small seasoned oak casks means the wine has lost a substantial portion of its volume to evaporation — concentrating fruit, aromas and structure to levels seldom found in the category. Blending across the solera pyramid at Vila Nova de Gaia is done by eye and nose: the cellar master is looking for the balance between oxidative depth — dried citrus, almond, treacle — and the freshness that distinguishes Dow's from a heavier, sweeter house style. SERVING: pour at 12-14 °C in a generous tulip glass — enough room for the aromatics to open. Savour alone as a meditation pour, or pair with aged sheep's milk cheese (Manchego Reserva, Pecorino Stravecchio), salted walnuts, a fig-and-walnut bread, or bitter dark chocolate.

#### **Tasting notes**

##### **Color**

Coppery amber with a pale orange-green rim — the visible mark of three decades of controlled oxidative cask ageing.

##### **Aroma**

Saline and elegant on the nose, with delicate floral notes and a touch of cinnamon. With air, intense dried citrus, almond, treacle tart and caramel open up.

##### **Taste**

Luxurious and silky on the palate, with remarkable refinement. Quince, dried peach and bitter orange unfold with generosity, buoyed by a fresh acidity that balances the wine's inherent richness.

##### **Finish**

Persistent finish on a thread of bitter orange, with a subtle spice accent and a saline freshness that carries the wine's energy through to its very last note. DOW'S Charles Symington — fourth generation of a winemaking family rooted in the Douro since 1912 — embodies the continuity and excellence that define Dow's. The house, born from the 1877 merger of Silva & Cosens and Dow & Co., holds two viticultural jewels: Quinta do Bomfim, commanding the river in the Cima Corgo, and Quinta da Senhora da Ribeira, remote in the Douro Superior some 24 km upstream. Both estates carry the top "A" classification in Portugal's official vineyard ranking, yielding grapes of exceptional concentration. Dow's is today part of Symington Family Estates, the Douro's largest holder of "A"-classified vineyards.