

Portugal, Douro Valley / Porto | 2003  
**PORTO GRAN CRUZ LBV**



**"Matured LBV"**

**Story** Late Bottled Vintage developed in the 1950s for the modern consumer, who can't wait decades for port to age. LBV is matured from four to six years in casks, filtered and ready to consume immediately after bottling without decanting. The price is also clearly cheaper than vintage port. Of course, there has been variation, this Gran Cruz LBV 2001 is almost two decades old, the stopper is made of plain cork and the bottle is likely to have some sediment. Cruz has wanted to make LBV for quality-conscious people, because each filtration reduces taste and age is always a good thing.

**Producer** Gran Cruz Porto is the world's largest producer of port wine, owned by the French company La Martiniquaise. In France, Cruz is ubiquitous, seen in every market, bar, bistro, and more. France is the world's biggest consumer of port wine, primarily enjoying it as an aperitif. Gran Cruz Porto is also well-known in Belgium and Luxembourg. It's a giant that should never be underestimated: the company holds vast stocks of old port wine and is capable of offering luxury quality at a highly competitive price. The company sells 6 million bottles of port wine annually. Cruz has been focused on and efficient in elevating the quality of its products. Initially, it acquired a large portion of its wines from local cooperatives, but now over half of its required stock comes from about 3,000 farmers, overseen by the company's technical team from the vineyard to the cellar. Additionally, Cruz acquired the magnificent Quinta do Ventozelo in 2015, providing 400 hectares that significantly bolster the company's resources. The company's facilities in Vila Nova de Gaia are impressive, with 220 wooden vats, each with a capacity of 8 million liters, and stainless steel tanks, each with a capacity of 350,000 liters.



**COLOR** Dark ruby red

**AROMA** Black cherries, dark plums, blackberries, fig, arctic raspberry jam, rhubarb, chocolate and spices

**TASTE** Sweet, full-bodied, supple and acidic, dark notes of berry, warmly spicy, notes of chocolate and black pepper

**TIPS FOR USE** Tastes great with strong blue cheeses, with chocolate treats or as a savoury drink, especially in chilly moments such as winter evenings, in rainy fresh summer weather or by the outdoor fire in autumn

<b>WINE TYPE</b>	Port wines	<b>PACKAGE SIZE</b>	6 bottle(s)
<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	Porto Cruz	<b>BOTTLE CLOSING</b>	Plastic closure
<b>ALCOHOL CONTENT</b>	20%	<b>BOTTLE SIZE</b>	0,75 l
<b>SUGAR CONTENT</b>	98 g/l	<b>PRODUCT NUMBER</b>	114001

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