## Portugal PORTO GRAN CRUZ 20 YEARS OLD

## "Versatile dessert wine"

You year-old tawny occupies a special place in the heart of every Port wine lover. It has maturity, but at the same time distinctly fruity notes. It is ready to drink immediately and reasonably priced with regard to the long aging. This tawny is always a mixture of Port wines of different ages, and it does not necessarily have an arithmetic average age of 20. The cellar master makes the wine, with different layers of matured wines and younger ones to give freshness. The Port Wine Institute tastes the blend and accepts it as representative of its type and the producer is allowed to sell it.

**Produce:** 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** Copper red

**AROMA** Maraschino cherries, dark berries, dried apricots, caramel, nougat and fresh tobacco

TASTE Sweet, gently acidic, notes of caramel, notes of dried fruit, long and nuanced

**TIPS FOR USE** Meditation wine, multi-skilled cheese tray also for goat cheeses, dessert wine for desserts with roasted fruit or roasted sugar. Also great with chocolate and chocolate desserts. Serve chilled.

WINE TYPEPort winesMANUFACTURERPorto CruzALCOHOL CONTENT20%SUGAR CONTENT110 g/l

PACKAGE SIZE6 bottle(s)BOTTLE CLOSINGNatural corkBOTTLE SIZE0,75 lPRODUCT NUMBER114025







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