

Broadbent

MADEIRA, PORTUGAL

MADEIRA 5 YEAR RESERVE NV

HARVEST/VINTAGE NOTES: Combining different wines together, we try to have a final wine with high quality. Blending helps to balance the wine, to add layers of flavors and better integrate the sugars and acids. Blending allows us to select the best characteristics of different wines and then mix them all together to create a much better flavor profile, maintaining the consistence of quality and, off course, reduce the negative impacts, if any, that some harvest years may present.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Grapes: Tinta Negra (red grape)

Alcohol: 19% vol.

Residual Sugar: 105.5 g/L

pH: 3.32

Total Acidity: 30 mg/L



YEAR FOUNDED: 1996 [though purchased wines back to 1933]

PROPRIETOR: Bartholomew Broadbent

WINEMAKER: Juan Teixeira

SIZE OF PROPERTY:

Madeira companies generally do not own their own land, they buy from a wide array of grape growers

AMOUNT OF PROPERTY PLANTED:

2,100 grape growers

TERROIR: The island of Madeira has an oceanic, tropically influenced climate and volcanic soil. With high rainfall and an average mean temperature of 19°C (66°F), fungal diseases and botrytist are constant hazards. To combat these threats, Madiera vineyards are often planted in low trellises, known as latada, that raise the canopy off the ground. The wine is cultivated in terraced steps of red and basaltic bedrock called poios.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION:

Approximately 10,000 cases x 12/750 ml.

VARIETIES CULTIVATED:

Malmsey, Tinta Negra Mole, Sercial, Triunfo, Complexa, Verdelho, Bual, Terrantez and the occasional bucket of Cabernet Sauvignon. The four major grape varietals of Madeira are Malvasia (or Malmsey), Bual, Verdelho and Sercial