



Old World Wines : Portugal, The Port Wine

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A documentary of 52'

French Version
English Version

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Produced exclusively in the Upper Duoro valley, 100 kilometres from the town of the same name, 'Porto' is an ancient wine whose history can be traced back to antiquity.

However, the appellation "Port wine" wasn't established until the 17th century.

Linked historically with England, it is nevertheless with French wines that Port is obliged to compete.

It was an English merchant who first had the idea of increasing the alcohol content by adding French brandy to Port wine, and this was how the drink we know today first came into existence.

Porto or Port is by definition a blend wine.

During the fermentation, a quantity of brandy is added to the sugary rape.

After fortification, the wine goes through a resting period which lasts throughout the winter. I

n spring, the port leaves the quintas and is taken to the commercial cellars.

The United Kingdom continues to be one of the greatest consumers of Port, and the British have historically played an important role as the owners of port companies.

This documentary provides us with an insight into the workings of some of the most famous port companies, including Fonseca, Taylor's and Crofts.