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FORTIS

Background:

Fortis is our name for a wine that we used to call Vintage Port. We abandoned the name because 'Port' is actually related to Oporto in northern Portugal and the Portuguese have a right to the exclusive use of their locational name.

However, imitation is the most sincere form of flattery so we grow some classic Port varieties in Dunsborough where they do very well. These are Touriga, Tinta Cao and Souzao. We have made port from cabernet sauvignon and Shiraz but we prefer the Portuguese varieties for their strength of fruit flavour and absence of leafiness.

At one time Port was one of the few wine styles available to the sweet wine drinker. The industry has moved on in that respect and there are other ways to make sweet wines today than fortification to bring the alcohol up to 18%.

Over the years we have entered the Fortis in many Australian wine shows and done very well. This wine is no different and has received gold medals at the 2014 Royal Melbourne Wine Show and the 2014 Wine Show of Western Australia.

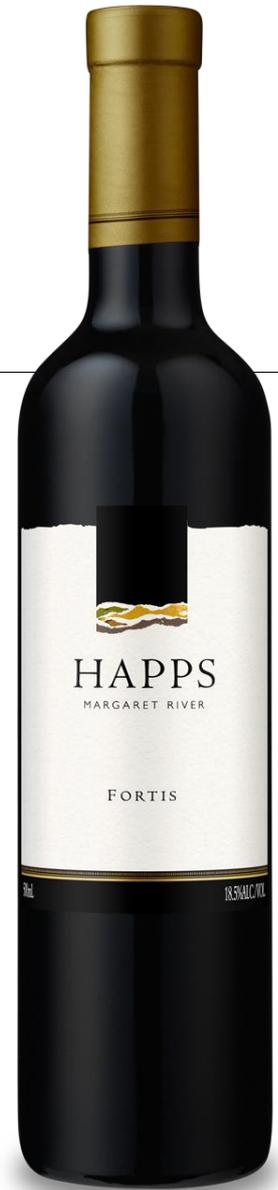
Port is an excellent drink at the close of the working day when ones mind turns to social activity. Port makes a strong connection to the laughing reflex.

Aging potential 20 years

Current Release: 2012Vintage 500ml

Viticultural & vinification notes

VINTAGE CONDITIONS	A slightly early vintage with slightly elevated temperatures in the North of Margaret River.
VINEYARD	Dunsborough Hand pruned to rods Hand picked
GRAPE VARIETY	Touriga(46%), Tinta Cao,(37%) Souzao(17%).
MATURATION	Old Puncheons of imported French oak for 12 months.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 18.0% Acidity: 5.9 g/l pH: 4.00 Residual Sugar: 3.7 Beaume by hydrometer



Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

COLOUR	Dark, dark red with a red/purple hue
NOSE	A very attractive and intense aroma of ripe plum, brandy, liquorice and liqueur cherry with hints of jam and cracked pepper.
PALATE	A densely flavoured rich wine displaying dark berry fruit, ripe plum, dark chocolate and rum and raisin characters with evident high quality brandy spirit. It is a wine with great tannin structure, length of flavour and balance. The palate is sweet and luscious yet contains sufficient tannin and alcohol to provide a dry finish which we believe is the hallmark of great Vintage Port. A wine that should be enjoyed often!

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