

STARBOARD BATCH 88



Batch 88 is an easy drinking port-style wine with ripe fruit and nutty elements that place it somewhere between a ruby and a tawny; made by the sweet wine experts at Quady Winery. It is warm, smooth and rich with chocolate raisin and dried fig characters. Delightfully warming by itself, Batch 88 also pairs well with cheeses or with chocolates.

The grapes in Batch 88 are primarily Tinta Roriz. The vineyard is managed to give loose bunches and a small crop. Several different vintages aged an average of five years are used in the blend. In the port business this type of blend is called "Vintage Character." The first year we made wine in this style was 1988, thus the nickname Batch 88.

Why do we call our "port" Starboard? Port is a geographic term for fortified wines that come from the Douro River Valley in Portugal. Starboard, the nautical term for right, (as opposed to port – left) is unique to our place, the San Joaquin Valley, California, on the other side of the world from Portugal.

Varietal Content: Tinta Roriz, Tinta Cao, Tinta Amarela, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Francesca, Tinta Barocca, and Bastardo
Blending & Age: From a blend of vintages with an average of 4 to 6 years.
Alcohol: 20% (Fortified)



"Deep purple color. Aromas and flavors of saddle leather, floral spiced berries, orange agave marmalade, and peanut and pumpkin seed brittle with a satiny, vibrant, moderately sweet medium-to-full body and a peppery, engaging, medium-long finish with notes of crystallized ginger, saffron, cherry cola, and pink pepper. A vibrant young fortified wine that will be very versatile; try on ice cream or in cocktails."

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