

QUADY

SWEET & APÉRITIF WINES

STARBOARD BATCH 88



History

Andrew Quady started his winemaking career moonlighting and producing "port" style wines outside of his normal eight to five. A short decade from that beginning he released Starboard Batch 88 for the first time in 1988. It was created to be an easy drinking fortified wine of consistent taste, feel and aroma. If there was a port wine for enjoying everyday, this would be it. Batch 88 has become one of Quady Winery's most well known and recognized "port" style wines.

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.

Winemaking

Batch 88 is a blend of various vintages, sometimes referred to as a "Vintage Character" blend. We use the same grape varieties and similar methods as in the Douro River Valley in Portugal, but our climate is warmer and the soils different. The grapes in Batch 88 are primarily Tinta Roriz but also include Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cao, Tinta Barocca and others. The vineyard is managed to give loose bunches and a small crop. Instead of 140 proof fortifying brandy, we use a neutral grape spirit of 190 proof. We use 60 gallon barrels instead of the 140 gallon pipes used in Portugal. Starboard matures earlier and has a riper more voluptuous flavor.

Taste

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. 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.

Technical Data

Vintage: Vintage Blend

Grape Varieties: Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cao, Tinta Barocca & Others.

Alcohol: 20% (Fortified)

pH: 3.8

RS: 13.9%

TA: 5.7



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