



## SOGRAPE DECLARES VINTAGE 2024 FOR PORTO FERREIRA AND SANDEMAN

Press Release, 4 March, 2026 – Some years leave their mark on history, and 2024 was one of them for the Douro region. Today, Sogrape is announcing the declaration of 2024 Vintage Port for two of its most prestigious brands—Porto Ferreira and Sandeman—the result of an exceptional harvest that produced wines of remarkable structure, depth, and elegance, destined to rank among the region’s great vintages. The new Vintage Ports will reach the market in June of this year.

The declaration of a Vintage represents the pinnacle of achievement in the Port Wine sector. For Sogrape, this announcement reinforces its commitment to excellence and to the preservation of a centuries-old legacy. Porto Ferreira Vintage 2024 and Sandeman Vintage 2024 are the finest expression of this extraordinary harvest, and the first Classic Vintages of the decade for both brands, underscoring the singular nature and exacting standards inherent in crafting this special category of Port wine.

For **Fernando da Cunha Guedes, President of Sogrape**, this declaration is a tribute to nature and time: *“Declaring a Vintage is not only a way of recognising a truly exceptional year, but also embraces the responsibility of honouring such one-of-a-kind harvests. It is a tribute to the collective precision and excellence of our teams’ patient work, the knowledge passed down through generations, and our family’s deeply rooted connection to the land. Each Vintage year declared renews our commitment to a tradition that stretches back in time: caring today for what only the future can reveal.”*

The 2024 winemaking sector year was marked by a winter with moderate rainfall, and a warm spring with significant rain in March. The dry, hot summer required careful management of the harvest date, influenced by cooler temperatures in September and rainfall in October. The result was a good yield with high qualitative potential that produced vibrant, highly structured wines that hinted at the declaration of the Vintages now announced.

**Luís de Sottomayor, Sogrape’s Director of Oenology and Head Winemaker for the Douro and Port Wines**, highlights the distinctive characteristics of this harvest: *“The 2024 Vintages show remarkable freshness and harmony. The Porto Ferreira Vintage 2024 stands out for its solid structure, elegance, and high quality tannins, with a profile true to the brand’s history. Likewise, the Sandeman Vintage 2024 reveals a robust, concentrated profile, with great depth, and firm tannins that promise extraordinary longevity.”*

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With this announcement, Sogrape looks forward to the schedule June 2026 market release of these two Vintage Port Wines, set to win over collectors, experts, and enthusiasts worldwide, and extends to you a special invitation to explore its historic cellars, which include Vintage Ports dating back to 1820.

### About Sogrape

Founded in 1942 by Fernando Van Zeller Guedes, Sogrape was born to demonstrate the quality of Portuguese wines to the world. From a single winery in the Douro Region, focused in producing Mateus Rosé, this family company has become global, with presence in more than 120 markets, owning c. 1,600 hectares of vineyards in Portugal, Spain, Chile, Argentina and New Zealand.

Moved by the purpose of *bringing Friendship and Happiness to everyone it touches through its wonderful wines*, the family spirit and the peak performing team culture lived at Sogrape are key in the successful path that it has been building for over 80 years.

Under the leadership of Fernando da Cunha Guedes, current President and 3rd generation of the founding family, the leading company in Portugal aims to spread Sograpiness through the world and be affirmed as a catalyst for positive societal change, respecting the limits of the planet in the construction of a more sustainable and inclusive future.

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