



Cockburn's

Cockburn's was founded in 1815 in Oporto by Robert Cockburn, a Scottish wine merchant from a distinguished family in Edinburgh.

In the 19th century, three other families joined the company: - the Smithes, the Teages and the Cobbs – and together with the Cockburns, they developed this house into one of the greatest names in Port.

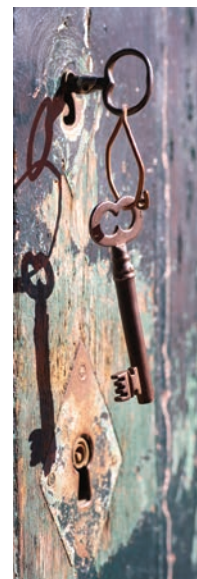
Their craftsmanship, passion and dedication to producing the best Ports was passed from generation to generation until Cockburn's Vintage Ports became the most highly-valued Ports of all in the early 20th century.

Right: Key's to one of the old Cockburn's lodges in Gaia

Below: The house at Quinta dos Canais

In 1962 Cockburn's was sold to Harvey's of Bristol, which eventually become part of a major international group. In 2010, after an interlude of 48 years, Cockburn's returned to family ownership. Today, the company and its vineyards are owned and managed by the Symington family.

The tremendous success of Cockburn's Special Reserve greatly increased the demand for better quality grapes and led the company to make substantial investments in the Upper Douro Valley, pioneering the modern vineyard development in this high-quality wine region.



COCKBURN'S FINE RUBY
One of the main pillars of the Cockburn range and overall market leader in the Ruby sector



COCKBURN'S FINE TAWNY
One of the most popular tawny Ports



COCKBURN'S SPECIAL RESERVE
The UK's favourite brand of Port and overall market leader



COCKBURN'S LBV
Decanter Gold medal winner 2011



Top: John Smithes, one of the original founders of the Cockburn's Port business

Right: Special Reserve matures in seasoned oak vats

Bottom: Quinta dos Canais, Cockburn's flagship property

Quinta dos Canais, Cockburn's flagship property and one of the Douro's greatest Quintas, is located in this stunningly beautiful, remote region. This 642 acre property is the essence of Cockburn's Vintages and other premium Ports, including Special Reserve.

Touriga Nacional, the Douro's finest grape variety, makes up almost one third of the Canais vineyard, whilst the Douro's average is no more than 3%. Cockburn's can proudly claim to have played a leading role in the resurrection of the Touriga Nacional variety in the 1970's/1980's when it had been virtually abandoned on most Douro vineyards.

