



# 2018 Vintage Fortified

*"The pinnacle of wine making at Stanton & Killeen is creating a superb fortified to consume now or age for 20 years." Wendy Killeen*

## **VEGAN FRIENDLY**

Estate grown Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cao, Grand Noir, Durif & Souzao

**Nose** - Roses, raspberry, red licorice and fudge.

**Taste** - A multitude of flavours including raspberry, dark chocolate, cherry, mint and red fruit coulis. Complexity and flavour will change over time. Balance is perfect with fruit and light tannins extending over the full length of the extremely long and elegant finish.

**Occasion** - At any age, this wine is a wonderful accompaniment to a wide range of dishes from cheese, meat, grills and hearty vegetables. Can be served chilled in the summertime.

**Cellaring** - This wine spent a short amount of time in oak barrels, mainly to let the different varietals meld together and settle. The wine will then age and develop in the bottle, similar to a bottle of red table wine. Cellar for 20 - 30 years, however, this wine can be enjoyed at any age.

**Winemaking** - This is a blend dominated by the traditional Portuguese varietals, some co-fermented, with the addition of Durif. This makes a true Rutherglen wine with some style of Portuguese equivalents. Fermentation is halted at approximately 7% alcohol by the addition of grape spirit to retain natural sugars, fruit flavour and act as a preservative. Blending is important to achieve the perfect balance.

