



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SPECIAL RESERVE

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston in 1706, the eighth of seventeen children. Largely unschooled, he became one of the 18th century's towering figures, as printer and journalist; philosopher, scientist and inventor; public servant and diplomat, and leader of the American Revolution. And like other Americans of his time, he loved Madeira.

The wine appears occasionally in his writings. In 1743, he recommended that brandy be added to Madeira to protect it for export, a practice that would soon become common. And "having a very ardent desire to see and observe the state of America a hundred years hence," he wrote that he would "prefer to any ordinary death, being immersed with a few friends in a cask of Madeira, until that time, then to be recalled to life by the solar warmth of my dear country."

Moderately sweet and exotically nuanced, this wine celebrates the rare Bual Madeiras prized by affluent Americans during Franklin's time. Like other wines in our **Historic Madeira Series**, it is made for us by **Vinhos Barbeito** from wines patiently aged by the time-honored *Canteiro* method.

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GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

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