

# WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

## CHAMPAGNES & PORTS



### June 2009 Selections:

- Poema Sparkling Wine Cava (SPAIN)
- Sandeman 20 Year Old Tawny Port (PORTUGAL)

Dear Wine Lover,

Cava, a name that most wine drinkers in the United States know, but in so many cases, not a term that brings super quality to the wine aficionado. Many Cava experiences have been greeted with old, dull and oxidized wines. So out comes the orange juice to save the day. In the case of Poema, we have a solid, well made and fresh Cava destined to make a few people question the value of Champagne. Let's give a re-toast to Cava, (Champagne, who?)

Sandeman has been a long-time favored name in the Porto business. The 20 years-old is a complex, dessert wine with nuances that go far beyond caramel and sugar- this is indeed a complex wine and a gift to the senses. A great dessert wine, for paring with intricate pasty creations and clever conversations.

Give the Cava a good chill and serve the port in tiny stemware and away we go!

Cheers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wilfred Wong'.

Wilfred Wong  
Cellar Master

## WINE NOTES

### Poema Sparkling Wine Cava

Cava is Spain's traditional method sparkling wine, produced mainly in the Penedès region in northeastern Spain. Crisp, fruity and well-balanced, Cava has grown in popularity in recent years and can be found throughout the US market. Parellada, Macabeo, and Xarel-lo are the main grapes used in Cava which is made using the traditional method (the same process which is followed in Champagne) and according to the demands of the D.O. designation. Poema Cava is sourced from 152 hectares of vineyards located between the high, central and low regions of the Penedès valley in the Catalan province of Barcelona with each region best suited for specific varietals.



### Sandeman Porto Aged 20 Years

Specially selected Portos are chosen for ageing in wooden casks, which concentrates their fruit and flavour. The colour matures from deep ruby through to amber, producing a rare and delicious Tawny Porto. Maturity and fruit are harmoniously balanced, creating the perfect conclusion to a meal and the inspiration for good conversation. A rich yet elegant combination of flavours - dried apricots, honey, nuts, spices, vanilla - creates an endlessly complex wine that unfolds smoothly and develops in the mouth.

