

WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

CHAMPAGNES & PORTS



December 2009 Selections:

- Perrier-Jouët Champagne, Grand Brut (FRANCE)
- Sandeman's 10 Year Old Tawny Port (PORTUGAL)

Dear Wine Lover,

In my world, we call the [Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut](#), the soft Champagne. For years, a solid product, but not always exciting. Most recently over the last several years, this famous bubbly has emerged as one the best Bruts in the marketplace. Still not over acidic, yet nicely layered and wonderful in the finish. In the Porto world, [Sandeman's](#) is one of the kings of a royal tradition, the winery's [10 year old tawny](#) simply drinks so well and is so food friendly.

No matter how boring it may seem, the world cannot ever ignore tradition. Both Perrier Jouët and Sandeman have enjoyed a long history of producing fine wines. While it is so easy to keep looking for the new kid on the block, one is often surprised when returning to and old friend. I imagine both of these firms will be around for quite a long time and we should be so very glad of that.

Let's toast to a fine Champagne and a wonderful port, with this pair of delicious treats; we should be able to survive the holiday and all of its glory. Come to think of it, I enjoyed this pair of wines over 30 years ago. Have I come full circle? It doesn't matter, it is all good.

Cheers!

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

Wilfred Wong
Cellar Master

WINE NOTES

Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut Champagne

The inspiration of beauty and art come together in champagne Perrier Jouët thanks to the shared passion and dedication of Pierre Nicolas Perrier and Rose Adèle Jouët. Married in 1811, this young couple founded the House of Perrier-Jouët and set about acquiring the most prized vineyards in the Côte des Blancs. Today Perrier Jouët owns 160 acres of vines in the best area in Champagne with an average "cru rating" of over 99%, including 99 acres in the Grand Cru Villages of Cramant & Avize. The Grand Brut blend is based on the structure and depth of Pinot Noir, with Chardonnay giving the blend freshness and a flinty mineral quality and Pinot Meunier providing the rounded fruit style.



Sandeman's 10 Year Old Tawny Port

Sandeman 10 Years Old Tawny is a vibrant premium aged wine, a balance of ripe fruit with oak aged intensity, which highlights Sandeman's quality. Selected Portos wines are chosen for ageing in wooden vats and casks, concentrating all their fruit and flavour. The colour matures from deep ruby through to red amber, producing a delicious and vibrant Tawny Porto. Fruit and maturity are harmoniously balanced in a versatile wine, ideal to match a gourmet meal or entice a good moment.

