



Jeany's

FINE WINES AND SPIRITS

Vintage Port

Three names stand out when thinking of a vintage port Hardy's, Reynella and Seppelt. However confusion often surrounds the very nature of a vintage port, a fortified wine produced from a single vintage.

Many of us have collected the dated Para Liqueur Ports either not knowing or caring that they weren't vintage ports, likewise the dated Grandfather ports. Collectors will buy the dated ports for their collections and there are those who will buy a port of a particular year for a birthday or any number of reasons. If the port is for drinking why buy a

dated tawny that is fully developed by the time it goes into the bottle, when you can have a vintage port that's evolved over time.

What makes a good vintage port?

You need good fruit to start with, a good spirit (brandy of fortifying spirit) and a good tannin structure. You need the components in balance for the wine to improve in the bottle, most of the fruit used is shiraz.

Different winemaking techniques are employed for each style. The Hardys are always fortified with brandy spirit and traditionally are

fortified on skins. This extracts more colour and tannin which tends to make them more tannic, bigger in structure, with greater ageing potential.

The Reynella vintage ports are a 30-40 year cellaring proposition and the Hardys could live even longer.

Many companies have given away the vintage style as they are expensive to make and consumption is less than 1% Australia wide.

Ideally the vintage port, once opened, should be consumed, but you could cork the bottle for a few days.

We have 2 vintage ports as specials this month.

Seppelt Seppeltsfeld Show Vintage Port G R 123 1984.

This has been rated as 5 star wine, has won 2 gold medals, an excellent vintage port to be drunk now or will continue to develop.

Excellent Value at \$16.95.

Pirramimma 1981 McLaren Vale Vintage Port.

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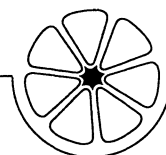
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