

Fortified Wines

Since the late sixties, when Australian tastes turned to table wines rather than the traditional fortified wines, the market has been in decline.

In the last nine years alone, almost 10 million litres of fortified wine sales have been dropped from the Australian consumers shopping list.

Why have consumers abandoned fortified wines?

The wine industry has put forward several reasons, the industry has moved its emphasis to table and sparkling wines in response to changing consumer tastes, the introduction of random breath testing and the general awareness of not to drink and drive has meant that the traditional after dinner port has gone out of the window.

Changes in our lifestyle has meant that high alcohol products are less appealing than in the past.

The market for fortified wines is divided into two areas - the small premium and the commercial segment.

Para Liqueur is the flagship of the Seppelts range of fortified wines and occupies a place in Australian wine history.

Housed in the historic Seppeltsfield winery in the Barossa Valley the component wines which eventually become Para Liqueur port are aged individually in small oak casks for many years and then blended into a solera system of oak vats for further maturation with the current bottling No 115.

The vintage dated Para Liqueur ports differ from traditional vintage ports in that they are oak matured tawny ports made from a single vintage rather than a blend of years.

The current release is the 1977, since it was laid down, remained untouched, maturing in the Seppeltsfield port store.

Unique in the world is the magnificent Seppelt 100 year old Para Liqueur Vintage tawny.

This wine is part of the Seppelt centenary system which dates back to 1878.

The range of Para Liqueur ports are available at a special members price of Para Liqueur 116 \$29.00.

Para Liqueur Vintage 1977 \$35.00. Para Liqueur Vintage 1886 \$3000.00.

Tip for the Tropics

Peter Barry Sales manager of Jim Barry wines on a recent visit to Darwin stated that we should drink our port on ice.

Fill a large glass with ice and top up with port, try it.

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