
THE
OXFORD
WINE
COMPANY

Taylor's Ruby Port

£12.99

Vintage:

Bottle Size: 75cl

Alcohol %: 20%

Country: Portugal

Description: Taylor's Ruby is a soft and glorious mouthful. It is a vintage character blend, made at the very first property purchased by the company, Lugar das Lages, in 1744. Rich, fruity and elegant, it is aged for four years in cask and is ready for drinking immediately. As enjoyable before a meal as after.

Cepages:

Group:

Sub group: Port

Colour: Ruby

Closure: Cork

Producer:

Website: www.taylor.pt

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match:

Food / cocktail recipe:

Press

Awards

Other Info: Taylor's is now over 300 years old. It remains a family firm, completely independent, owned still by relations of the original partners. Taylor is accepted by most wine authorities to be one of the greatest port shippers, famous especially for its sublime and long-lived vintage ports, which consistently fetch the highest prices at auction, and for old, distinguished tawny ports. But Taylor's is also an innovative house, pioneering the successful Late Bottled Vintage style which has been copied by almost every other shipper. The finest Port is produced from



grapes grown on the steep and rocky slopes of the Upper Douro and its tributaries. Vines have been grown on these remote hillsides since pre-Roman times. In the 17th Century British traders, cut off from their supplies of Bordeaux by frequent wars with France, took a liking to the full-flavoured, robust wines of Portugal. Under the Methuen Treaty of 1703, England granted lower duties to Portuguese wines than to those of France and Germany, becoming for over a century the principal market for the wines of the Douro Valley. But these wines did not travel well, so the traders added brandy to fortify them against the rigours of their Atlantic sea voyage. Before long pure grape spirit was added during fermentation and Port, as we drink it today, was created. Now in its fourth century, the company is still thriving, with wine quality remaining the firm's only consideration. Taylor's Port was, is, and will continue to be, one of the world's greatest wines.

Taylor's have developed a model for sustainable viticulture, which was awarded the prestigious BES Biodiversity Prize in 2009.