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## 95 POINTS TAYLOR FLADGATE 1964 Single Harvest Tawny

I allowed my glass of 1964 Taylor's Very Old Single Harvest Port a couple of hours to open up in the glass, monitoring its evolution along the way. It is not a shy or retiring Port. Clear mahogany in color with a slight green tinge on the rim, the nose races out of the blocks like a young terrier let free in the garden, with intense aromas of grilled walnut, smoke, brown sugar, hints of caramel and a fug of alcohol that ebbs with time. The palate is smooth and honeyed on the entry, a very seductive Port wine, quite sumptuous in style, but with enough volatile lift to maintain fieriness toward the viscous finish. It is a delicious Vintage Port firing on all cylinders.

- Neal Martin May 01, 2014