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## **TAYLOR FLADGATE 1863 SINGLE HARVEST TAWNY**

A time-defying pre-phylloxera humdinger that'll knock your socks off. Simply pouring the wine, I noticed how deep and clear the color was, the intoxicating sumptuous aromas filling the room long before I had put nose near glass. We find extravagant and luscious aromas of blackberries, black plum, camphor, rosemary, iris, caraway seed and walnut, fig jam, a quite extraordinary and heady bouquet. The palate follows suit with a sumptuous, quasi-viscous texture that instantly seduces the senses. It comes armed with a sweet and candied core of black and red fruit, yes fruit, because there is astonishingly little degradation here. It is **a powerful and flamboyant tawny** with quince and marmalade, later cloves, raisin and dried fig on the long flowing finish.

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