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# Wines 英伦美酒

## the English Cherish the World Over

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英国人始终认为他们的葡萄酒才是世界上最上乘的酒。他们的香槟、Port葡萄酒、Bordeaux葡萄酒、Burgundy葡萄酒、Sauternes白葡萄酒等等，都是自己引以为豪的，其中有一款叫做Sharpham Barrel的干白葡萄酒是最受英国人青睐的，产自于South Devon地区。但实际上，在英国以外，英国酒的需求量并不大，因此，你很难期望在上海外滩的某个小酒馆内能够买到产自英国的酒。

英国同时也是世界上香槟酒销量最大的国家之一，已故的英国前首相丘吉尔先生就是一名香槟的忠实拥趸，他生前最喜欢的是Pol Roger的一款香槟。

产自英国的Taylor是Port葡萄酒中颇负盛名的一款，曾被有着“葡萄酒之神”美誉的著名酒评家Robert Parker打出了97.8分的高分，另两款比较知名的Port葡萄酒是Fonseca和Croft。

口碑最佳的波尔多葡萄酒，尤其是波尔多红葡萄酒最受英国人喜爱。其中产自Pauillac地区的品种包括著名的Lafite-Rothschild、Pichon Baron、Pichon Lalande和Lynch Bages；来自St Julien地区的则有Leoville Barton、Beychevelle、Talbot和Lagrange；还有Margaux产区的Palmer和Rauzan-Segla，这些都是波尔多红酒中的精品。

英国出口量最大的两款葡萄酒是Maison Louis Jadot生产的Louis Jadot Bourgogne Pinot Noir和Louis Jadot Cote de Beaune，这两款酒价值不菲，并随着年份的累加处于持续增值中。

The English have always searched the world over to satisfy their fancies and there is no better example than the wines the English have come to cherish; be it Champagne, Port, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Sauternes, South Africa or New Zealand, to name but their most cherished. As for searching in their own backyard, one of the most popular English wines is Sharpham Barrel Fermented Dry (white) 2007 from South Devon, England. Sorry, but there is not a great deal of demand for English wines outside the U.K., so don't expect to find it on the wine list at your favorite bistro on the Bund at Shanghai.

One of the top markets in the world for Moët Hennessy's Champagne Dom Perignon is the U.K.; however, being the ultimate individualist, Sir Winston Churchill always called for Champagne Pol Roger. And since Champagne goes well with all foods, you can't go wrong.

The most cherished Port house by the English is Taylor's with average Robert Parker (a.k.a. "wine god") scores of 97.8; and two of their other most popular Ports being Fonseca and Croft. According to Port Category Manager at Kobrand Corporation, Robert Bower, "The newest Port rave amongst the younger, hip U.K. consumer is Croft PINK, pioneered by Croft in 2007 to be consumed ahead of the meal and served chilled on the rocks or as the primary ingredient in unique PINK signature cocktails". Times they are a changing.

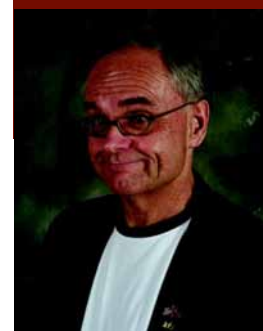
Fine Bordeaux wines, especially the "Clarets" or reds are certainly among the most cherished. The most popular Clarets from Pauillac, include Lafite-Rothschild, Pichon Baron, Pichon Lalande and Lynch Bages; from St Julien, Leoville Barton, Beychevelle, Talbot and Lagrange; from Margaux, Palmer and Rauzan-Segla. The English love Sauternes and their most cherished Sauternes include Yquem, Rieussec, Suduiraut and Climens.

With regard to Burgundy, one of their favorite houses is Maison Louis Jadot. According to Nicolas Dewe, Attaché Commercial Export at Maison Louis Jadot their two largest selling wines in the U.K. are their Louis Jadot Bourgogne Pinot Noir and Louis Jadot Cote de Beaune-Villages. Of course the most expensive Burgundies are deeply cherished, but what you find the English consuming the most from Burgundy are these two wines, which happen to be great values year in and year out.

And that brings us to New Zealand and South Africa. While many of the top New Zealand producers are unquestionably cherished by the English, there is one boutique winery at Central Otago (a.k.a. Pinot Noir Heaven) at the southern tip of the South



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Island, a pleasant drive from Queenstown, by the name of Felton Road, all of whose top wines are on allocation and considered among the most cherished wines from New Zealand by the English. Their largest selling wine in the U.K. is their 2008 Pinot Noir, while their most allocated and expensive wine to the U.K. is their Block 5 Pinot Noir.

The English have always cherished the best wines of South Africa and today some of the most cherished South African wines include the icon 'V' from Vergelegen (Owned by The De Beers Group); KWV Cathedral Cellar Shiraz; and Boschendal Sauvignon Blanc.

And now you know some of the wines the English cherish the world over.

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