



NV Van Zellers & Co. (Cristiano van Zeller) 40 Years Very Old Tawny Port

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer:
95	\$130	2020 - 2050	
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	From: Portugal , Douro , Porto
Mark Squires	30th Jun 2020	Issue 249 End of June 2020, The Wine Advocate	Color: Red
			Type: Fortified

The NV 40 Years Very Old Tawny Port is a field blend from vines averaging 35 years in age. It was bottled in November 2019 with a long cork and 105 grams of residual sugar. This was juicier and more expressive than the relatively stern 30 Year this issue on the first pours, but they came closer together. The 30 Year has good acidity too. This 40 Year does eventually show a bit more maturity and complexity to go with its lively demeanor, but it seems almost as fresh as the 30 Year and a bit less austere. Delicious at the same time, it touches all the bases. That includes the very long finish, of course. There is plenty of power as well. This is a big winner in its somewhat mouthwatering style. This does have a small edge over the 30, but they both are great and reasonable minds might differ. These can last a very long time, assuming no cork failures, but they do not need to be aged. The end-date drinking windows on the ones that were longer in barrel is just a rough guide.

Sweetness: Sweet

Type: Fortified

Variety: Proprietary Blend