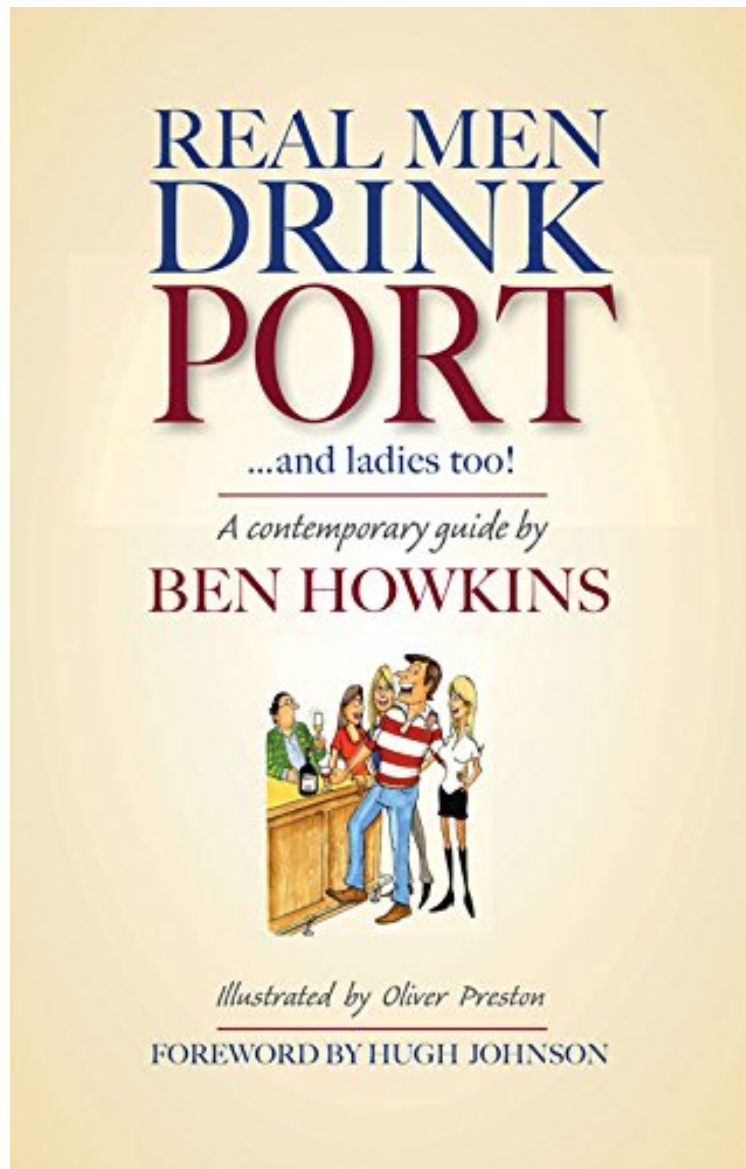


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**Ben Howkins : Real Men Drink Port ... and Ladies Do Too!** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Real Men Drink Port ... and Ladies Do Too!:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must for port conneseurs, even if a bit musty in it's styleBy Houston GrayIf you are a port aficionado, this has got to be your second read, after you have finished a true port primer/reference book, like The Port Companion: A Connoisseur's Guide ... by Godfrey SpenceThis is not a reference

book for those looking to learn about port wine, so much as it is a great collection of behind the scenes anecdotes by someone who is clearly entrenched in the scene. The author clearly knows port but also knows in the ins and outs of the culture and people behind my favorite drink. I find myself referring back to this book often, as I dogged-eared many, many pages while reading through it the first time. I agree with some other reviewers that the 1950s-60s playboy stylings of this book can become a bit trite, but I'm guessing that's the lifestyle this author lived/lives so I can't fault him for going with what he knows. But the information is good enough that I highly recommend it to all port lovers. This is definitely a "must-read" prior to any visit to Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto, Portugal.) While touring Taylor Fladgate, Croft, Graham's, and Churchill's I was able to join in the conversation more than once because of things I had read in this book.

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By BentheWineBerg  
This is a wonderful book of vignettes and very well written. I don't know everyone discussed in the pages but those I do, such as Rupert Symington, Johnny Graham and even Roy Hersh, are all characterized beautifully. Well done.  
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By DavePuts the personal side of port foot forward. The people, the history, the tall tales. A fun and unique read.

World renowned port writer Ben Howkins guides the reader through the fascinating history of the wine, from its origins through to the present day, and in particular examines the complex persona of the port drinker. Illustrated with famed cartoonist Oliver Preston's hilarious cartoons, historical and contemporary facts and numerous amusing anecdotes have been meticulously compiled to produce this hugely informative and entertaining tome. Real Men Drink Port also educates today's wine consumer exploring the serious side to getting the most pleasure from the wine, by detailing fascinating facts about what goes on behind the scenes at the famous port firms, and reveals eleven essential lists of previously untold must-haves.

About the Author Ben Howkins was awarded the Vintners' Scholarship in 1963, the youngest person to achieve this award. His experience in Europe's vineyards and working with many leading vintners, inspired his commitment to educate others to the enjoyment of wine - particularly fortified dessert wines. He wrote the International Wine Food Society's guide to port - Rich Rare and Red; is a member of the Confreria do Vinho do Porto and the Vintners Company. He has lectured for the Wine and Spirit Education Trust and serves on the Council of the Wine Guild. He is a Director of the Royal Tokaji Wine Company