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From a time over a century and a half ago

comes a wine so old, rare and remarkable in its ability to withstand the passage of time …

…that it is in itself a piece of history


TAYLOR'S
SCION
VERY OLD PORT
from the
pre-phylloxera era
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One of the last voices of
a lost age
before Phylloxera devastated
the vineyards of Europe



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A wine like this will never be made again





A remarkable discovery

In 2008 Taylor's winemaker David Guimaraens became aware of a small reserve of very old and rare Port dating from 1855 in the era before Phylloxera devastated the vineyards of Europe

Heirloom of a distinguished Douro family, this extraordinary wine was stored in two oak casks in the village of Prezegueda in the heart of the historic Port vineyard region

Apart from a pipe said to have been acquired by Winston Churchill the wine had been kept as a family reserve, passed down from one generation to the next



In perfect condition

Samples from the two casks showed that the wine was in faultless condition

In fact it was sublime …

Fifteen decades of ageing in oak casks had concentrated it to an essence of magical complexity

It became clear that this was a wine of historic significance, a rare survivor from the age before Phylloxera

Late in 2009 the wine was acquired by Taylor's

It was named SCION





A rare limited edition

In view of the wine's historic interest Taylor's decided to release it as a special limited edition

The release will represent a unique opportunity to acquire a rare piece of wine history …

A Port over a century and a half old from the pre-Phylloxera age in superb drinking condition





An exclusive collector's presentation

Evoking the 1850's, the decade of the wine's birth, SCION's beautifully designed presentation contains many unique and exclusive features which will heighten the pleasure of owning this remarkable and rare wine





An elegant hand made crystal decanter

Produced exclusively for SCION each decanter is individually hand blown and finished and comes with its own specially fitted stopper





An expertly crafted wooden box

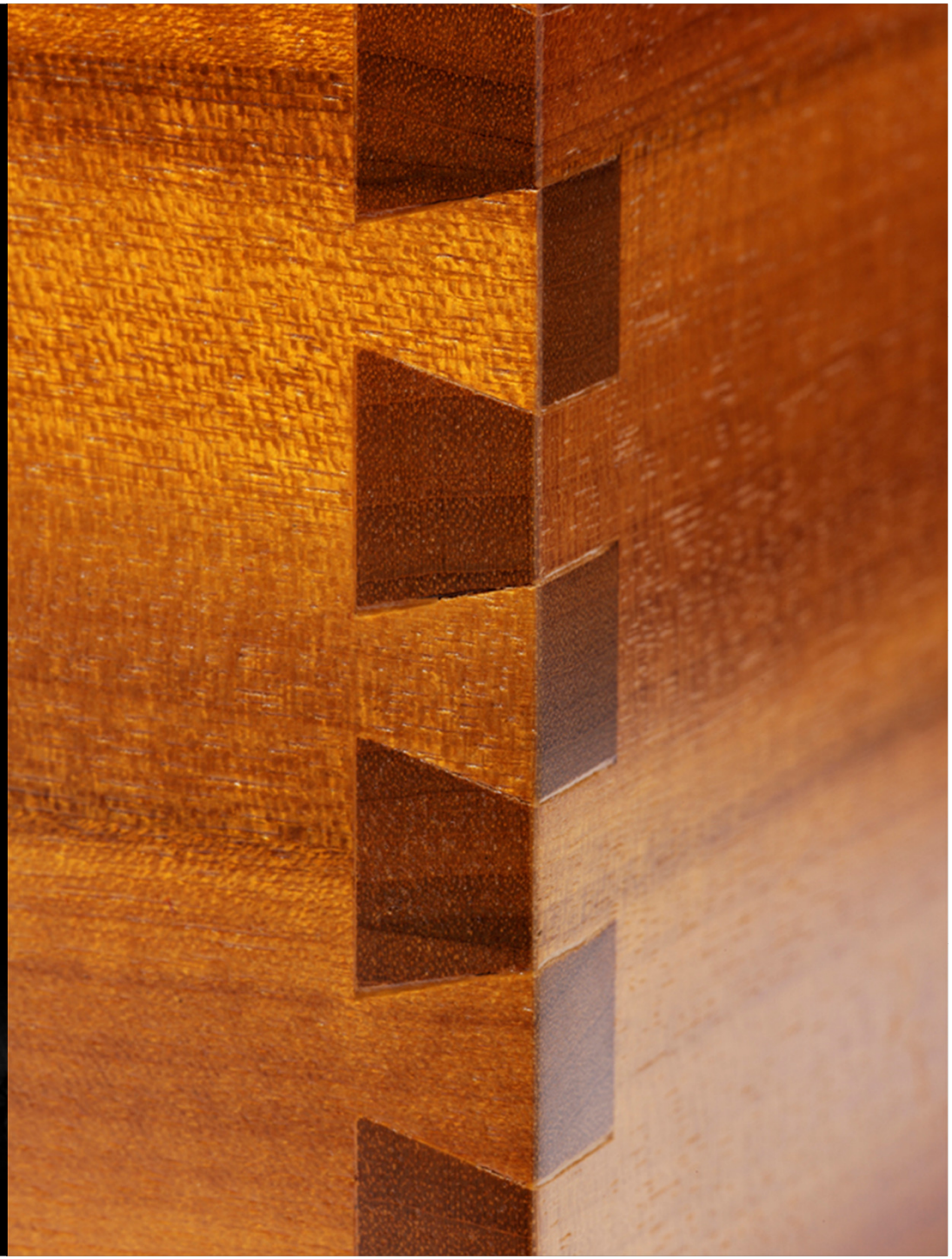
Each decanter is presented in a solid teak box based on the design of a nineteenth-century instrument case





Authentic period features and details

The box's period feel is enhanced by fine detailing including traditional dovetail joinery and brass fittings





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A unique collector's edition book

Set into the lid of each box is an exquisite limited edition book which tells the story of SCION and its remarkable journey through time

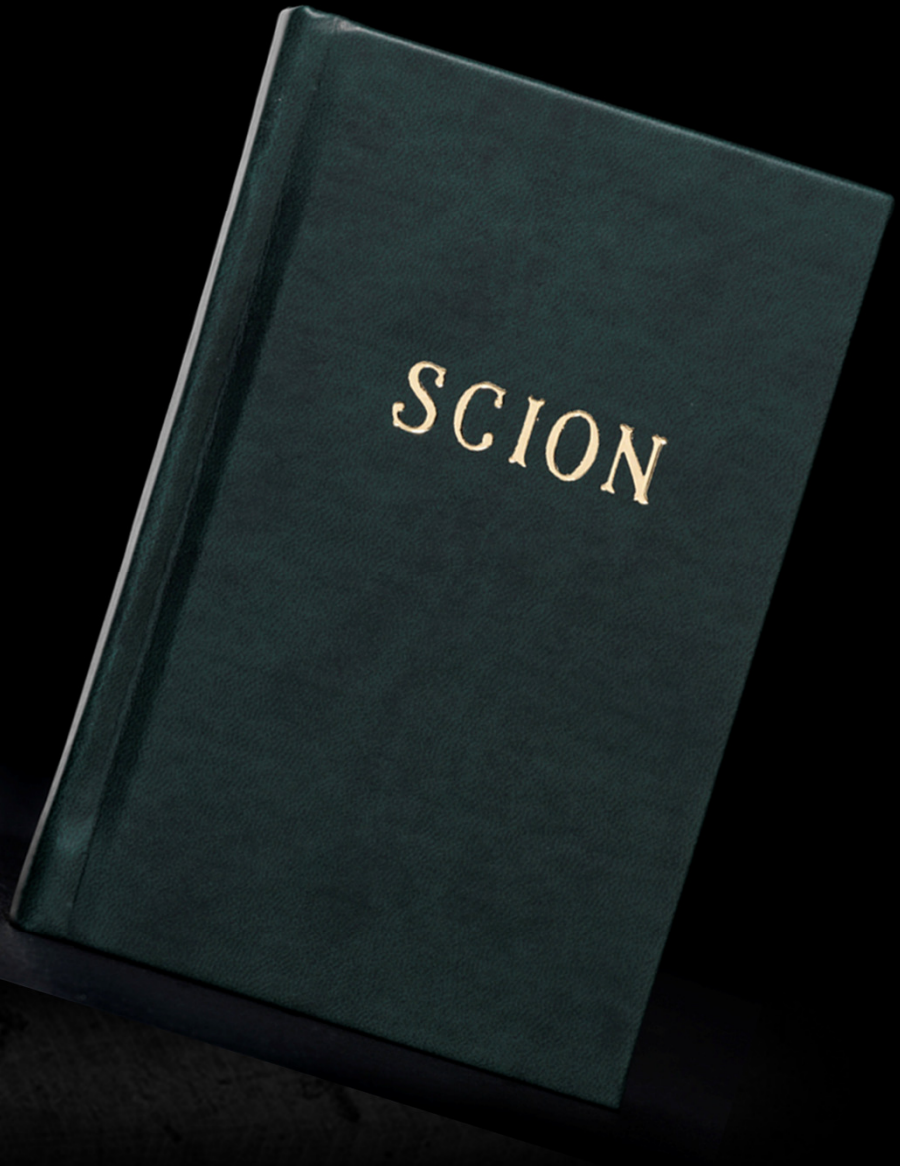




A wealth of authentic period detail

Gold blocked onto the cover is the word SCION set in an authentic Portuguese type face dating from 1874

Marbled endpapers, gilt edging and a traditional ribbon marker enhance the period character of this exclusive publication





Specially commissioned illustrations

The book features a set of unique ink drawings specially produced for SCION by the acclaimed British illustrator and typographer Sarah Jane Coleman





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Certification of origin

In recognition of the special nature of this remarkable wine, the Port and Douro Wines Institute has authorised the use of historic guarantee seals from a very limited archive stock

These individually numbered seals are collectors' items in themselves



An elegant gift box

Each wooden box will be packed inside an attractive card gift box with a high quality finish





Special limited release

SCION will be offered in a single limited release from December 2010

This represents an opportunity which will never be repeated to acquire a wine of the utmost rarity and historic significance

A survivor from the lost era before Phylloxera

Those fortunate enough to acquire SCION can be assured of possessing something absolutely unique in a different league from almost any other special edition wine or spirit currently available



There are only two casks of this historic wine and the offer will be subject to allocation



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