

WINE & SPIRIT

THE NEW NAME FOR WINE INTERNATIONAL

Champagne has no altitude problem

Dom Pérignon and Pol Roger are the best Champagnes in the air, according to Wine & Spirit's Cellars in the Sky wine competition.

DP's Cuvée Brut 1996 won the first class trophy and Pol's white foil Brut non-vintage won the business class trophy in the awards, run in conjunction with Business Traveller magazine.

Champagne can fare better than other wine styles on board a flight as altitude can generate changes in a wine's character, particularly with the levels of acidity and tannin. Taking into account these predicted changes, the tasting proved that airborne changes to Champagne are not always to its detriment and can sometimes improve it. The rush of altitude-induced acidity can enhance the wine, giving back some of its natural acidity that can be hidden in a full-flavoured or developing Champagne.

Full results of the Cellars in the Sky tasting will appear next month.

