

## ON THE GRAPEVINE

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### Win a top Champagne for the final

If there is one character who could have inspired our team to get through to the final rounds on the World Cup, it is Winston Churchill. Instead of fighting on the beaches, we now have to fight on the pitches but the battle is still vital. What is less well-known about Winston Churchill is that he had a close friendship with the Champagne House of Pol Roger.

He enjoyed drinking Pol every day, specially bottled for him in imperial pints and he gave the name of Odette to one of his precious race horses, after the wife of the owner of Pol Roger. In return, Pol Roger created their luxury cuvée of Champagne "Sir Winston Churchill" in his memory. This is a fabulous blend of top-quality wines from the vineyards of Champagne, aged for almost a decade in the deep cellars of the region.

The newly released Sir Winston Cuvée 1996, is a glorious marriage of power and elegance. With a persistent mousse, delicate toasted-brioche aroma and assertive, long-lasting fruit this wine will keep for many years to come, if you can resist the temptation to open it.

Normally priced at around £90 a bottle, we have three to give away to three readers who correctly answer the question below.

The names of the lucky winners will be pulled from Grapevine's oversized ice bucket and prizes will arrive in time for the semi-finals of the World Cup. Whoever is playing, win or lose, you can celebrate in style.

**Question:** Winston Churchill had three favourite Pol Roger vintages – 1928, 1934, and 1947 – which one of these was a World Cup year; who was in the final and what was the score?

■ Write your answers on a postcard only please, together with your name, address and daytime telephone number and send to:

**Sir Winston Churchill Champagne Competition, Michael Hickling, Yorkshire Post Magazine, PO Box 168, Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 1RF to arrive by Friday, June 30.** Usual YPN rules apply.

### Sir Winston Churchill Champagne Competition

Scores of readers knew that 1934 was a World Cup year and that Italy was the winner, beating Czechoslovakia 2-1. Three entries were pulled at random from Grapevine's ice bucket.

They are: AS MacAllister of Leeds, Janet Houghton of Pontefract and Jane Woodage of Holmfirth. With a bit of luck, your bottle of Sir Winston Churchill Champagne 1996, worth £90, should be with you already, so that you can sit down and watch the World Cup final in style.

Alternatively, you might like to keep this fabulous Champagne for a little while to allow it to recover from its journey. Like Churchill himself, this wine will go on for a long time gaining weight and power with time.

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