



Simone Singh at the launch of Chateau D'Or with Ranjit Dhuru, Chairman & MD

## Which is Simone's favourite wine?

Choosing your favourite wine from among two white and three reds varieties is not the easiest task, as television star **Simone Singh** discovered when she launched the Chateau D'Or premium range of wines at Joss on December 20.

Simone had to choose from Viva, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Merlot, Merlot and Cabernet Syrah — wines prepared under the guidance of winemaker extraordinaire M Athanase Fakorelli, a world-renowned oenologist who handles 25 chateaus across the globe — and only one in India.

Viva, Simone discovered, had honey undertones while she found Sauvignon Blanc to have an intense bouquet of exotic fruits. Among the red wines that she tasted, Simone found the Cabernet Merlot to be smooth with a hint of oak. The Merlot was fruity with very agreeable tannins while the Cabernet Syrah she found to be aromatic with slightly spiced with peppered notes. So which one is her favourite? "Difficult to say," says the stunner, "I think my choice will depend upon the kind of food I am serving along with these wines."

"Chateau D'Or is the first winery in India where the entire process of wine-making and bottling is completely automated and all factors including the size of vats, the sorting conveyer belts, the requirement to work top to bottom, everything is ruled by best oenology practices prevalent in the Bordeaux region," says **Ranjit Dhuru**, Chairman and Managing Director of D'Or Winery. "For a lot of sophisticated, well-travelled Indians, wine is becoming a drink of choice," he added, "Through our range we hope to give this fast-growing consuming class a taste of world-class wines at prices they can easily afford." And what better time to try out this new range of premium wines than Christmas? Cheers to that!