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'Unusual wines of the world'
Jonathan Rogers and Jerome Solaia

April 2007

We welcome Jonathan Rogers and Jerome Solaia from Harrods who are to talk to us on Unusual Wines of the world.

Jonathan has been in the wine trade for the last 18 years having studied an HND in Wine making and Viticulture and worked in wine production in Australia and England. He has been in Harrods for a year where he is responsible for Wine Education, Training and Development and presents the majority of wine dinners and tastings.

Previously he was assistant buyer for Annabels Club responsible for the wine lists of four restaurants within the group.

Jerome is from the south of France and has been in the trade for around 5 years. He has worked with several producers in the South of France and has been at Harrods for 3 years on and off. He is responsible for the creation of the wine club at Harrods and also presents their tastings.

This month's wines:

Reds

- * Errazuruz Pinot Noir Wild Ferment 2005 Chile
- * Kahina Syrah Grenache 2003 Morocco
- * Augustino Malbec 2004 Chile
- * Tour Vielle Colliure 2004 SW France

Whites

- * Dom Pelhaut Gros Manseng/Chardonnay 2005 SW France
- * Cristobel Verdelho 2005 Argentina
- * Fleur de Torrontes 2005 Argentina
- * Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc 2004 Chile

One way or another, it should be a good evening!

And don't forget:

For several months we have offered a FREE glass of wine as a "welcome" prior to the meeting, everyone agrees this is a great innovation which we will be continuing.

Arrive between 7.30 and 8 to join us.

Website.

The existence of our website has been mentioned on a number of occasions but it is clear that a number of you have forgotten about it or have forgotten the address.

We are at:

<http://westsurreywinesociety.org.uk/>

Put it in your Favorites list or Bookmark it for future reference.

It is accumulating a wealth of information, particularly as back copies of the Newsletter (with Peter's tasting notes etc) go back to October 2005. If you would like this archive to go back yet further, just let me know.

Another reason to keep the website in mind is that emails sometimes go astray, or for some reason the monthly Newsletter is not received. Whenever possible, details of the upcoming tasting should be published prior to the meeting.

Society Admin News

A couple of months ago we had a short (very short!) EGM to consider changes to our Constitution. The proposed changes were agreed by all those present. If you want to see the details but have lost the paperwork, just go to the website, you'll find it all in the January edition.!!

Your Editor was very lax in omitting to mention that at a recent Committee meeting Peter Godwin was voted in as your society Chairman. Congratulations Peter – and good luck.

At the next AGM in June, 2 Committee members (Hazel and Graham) are to resign and will need to be replaced. Could you cope with drinking a few glasses of wine at a Committee meeting once every couple of months? If so you may well be just the person we are looking for! Volunteers please, or just have a chat with one of the Committee to find out the 'what, where and whens'.

Make a note of the following dates, (normally 3rd Monday of the month at 8pm)

16th April 2007	'Unusual wines of the world' Jonathan Rogers and Jerome Solaia from Harrods
21st May 2007	David Dickinson, International Wine Challenge Judge Rieslings and Cabernet Sauvignons from around the world
18th June 2007	By popular demand, Call My Bluff returns for a second time
18th August 2007 (Saturday)	Party, with a Spanish flavour
17th September	Ian MacDonald – What's new and exciting from France
17th December	Christmas Party