



NEXT MEETING IS ON:

Monday 18th January

7:30pm for 8:00pm start

West Surrey Wine Society

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

January 2010 edition

French wines – oaked v unoaked with David Howarth

Hampshire Wine Shippers has enjoyed a reputation for offering top quality wines to satisfied customers in and around Petersfield for more than 20 years. Under the new management of David Haworth and his two sons, Simon and Jonny, the business is going from strength to strength, with new lines in stock and an expanding array of services on offer.

Having recently retired from a life of sales and Marketing of Medical equipment David decided to turn his life long passion for wines to good use. Simon his eldest son is at the University of Adelaide studying the Wine Business and Jonny has recently completed the first part of WSET.

Chateau Pierrail Bordeaux Blanc Sauvignon Blanc / Gris 2008

Domaine Haut Lirou Vin de Pays Val de Montferrand Grenache /Sauvignon 2008

Domaines Listel Le Villeroy Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Chateau Pierrail Bordeaux Rouge Merlot/Cabernet Franc 2007

Chateau Naudon Bordeaux Rouge Merlot 2007

Mas de Mare l'Original Languedoc Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

Domaines du Bosquet – Canet Vin des Sables Golfe du Lyon 2007

Domaines de Gravennes Côtes du Rhone 2007

Please note that the evening starts at 7.30pm for 8pm and is due to finish at 10.00pm

Diary notes

Make a note of the following dates, (WSWS always meets on 3 rd Monday of the month unless stated) mystery pre-meeting wine at 7:30 onward; meeting commences at 8pm	
Monday 18 th January 2010	French wines – oaked v unoaked - David Howarth
Monday 15 th February 2010	Exploring wine styles – Anne Linder (Laithwaites)
Monday 15 th March 2010	To be finalised
Monday 19 th April 2010	Massaya wines from Lebanon – Mark Bedford (Caviste)
Monday 17 th May 2010	Alsace wines - Christopher Fielden

No write up this month.

Feedback please

The December 2009 Christmas party was a little different to previous years, in that not only did we have a meal, but this year we also had a speaker, with wines matched to the fare on offer. In previous years, we've had quizzes, and most years we have a raffle in aid of a local charity. We've used Blacknest Golf club for a few years now as the venue for our Christmas party.

So what the Committee would like is some feedback. Let us know your thoughts and views. So just print this off, tick the boxes, and hand in to a Committee member at the next meeting (but no later than February please). We can then take the views of the members into account when planning our 2010 Christmas event.

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<u>Location:</u>	We love Blacknest; keep it there		Time for a change.	
<u>Style</u>	A meal is great		Let's do something different	
<u>Speaker</u>	Great idea – please repeat		Rather not have a speaker	
<u>Quiz</u>	Bring it back		Let it rest in peace	
<u>Raffle</u>	A bit stale – let's drop it for next year		Excellent idea – helping others	
<u>Wines</u>	We like the easy and affordable style		More exclusive wines please	
<u>Cost</u>	£30 / £35 is about right		Too expensive – no more than £25	

Other comments? Add them in here.

Tasting notes.....

I recently received an e-mail from a friend that took me back to my childhood days – watching in awe as the snow fell, then eager to play in it until my hands were frozen and my gloves sodden. I could play for hours, but my brother was a 5-minute wonder kid, working like a fiddler's elbow. He'd be in doors in no time flat, then want to come back out, then in again... and so it went on.

We have some wines like that... normally purchased by the case, they urge us to try them every so often... only to find they are not quite there yet... Or perhaps they've gone over the hill. Regardless, there's only so many times they can be tasted before that opportunity disappears into the bottle bank.

So one of my new years resolutions is to try and ensure that we drink wines before they go over the top, and that we don't leave them too long on the premise that we have to keep them for a special occasion as they were relatively expensive.

Have a happy new year, see you all soon.

David (and Kim)

Thought for the month



Who's who in the Committee?

Graham C - The money man

Peter - Events co-ordinator

Sallie - Committee Chair

Kim & David - Editors (retiring from Committee at AGM)

Geoffrey - Secretary & all things snail

1 (or more) Vacancies - go on, fill this gap!