



News

WSWS

West Surrey Wine Society

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

Next meeting: Monday 17th March
7:30pm for 8.00pm

March 2008

Aromatic Wines presented by Neil Sommerfeldt MW

A very big welcome back to a WSWS member, an old friend and a most knowledgeable MW. Neil's presentations are always very popular– his knowledge of wines, their growers and regions is extensive and if we ask the right questions we will hear some fascinating insights into the wine trade in the UK of which he has a long and varied experience.

Neil started his wine life with 6 years in Berry Bros & Rudd in the 1980's. He spent the 90's with supermarkets, firstly Waitrose and then Safeways, and if you can get him going you will learn a lot about their buying and marketing policies, price points and discounting strategies. Returning to the private trade, he joined Laytons/Jeroboams who are high quality London based retailers.

This will be top evening, Spring and long light evenings are only a few days away so what better way to welcome them than with Aromatic wines! Neil's choice of wines is always interesting and he does have a penchant from France, especially the Loire where he spent some early years. But given a free choice of topics for this tasting he has chosen to present us a selection of Aromatic Wines (fruit with elegance?).

"Aromatic Whites"

2006 Rolle (Vermentino)Domaine des Lauriers Vin de Pays d'Oc

2005 Viognier,Domaine de L'Orviel Vin de Pays Duché d'Uzes

2004/5 Gewurztraminer Réserve, Domaine Jean Sipp

2001 The Contours Riesling, Museum Release, Pewsey Vale, Australia

"Fragrant Reds "

2006 Brouilly, Hautes Garanches, Domaine Goguet

2006 Chinon,Ch de Coulaine (organic)

2005/6 Mercurey Rouge 1er Cru En Sazenay, Domaine Tupinier-Bautista

2003 Trincadeira,Casa Cadaval Ribatejo,Portugal

and finishing with an aromatic sweetie!

Make a note of the following dates, (always 3rd Monday of the month unless stated) mystery pre-meeting wine at 7:30 onward; meeting commences at 8pm

17th March 2008	Aromatic wines from around the world The return of our old friend, Neil Somerfelt of Laytons.
21st April 2008	Italian wines – A tasting featuring wines from 7 different wine producing regions, presented by Sarah Jane Bartlett of Colasanti UK
19th May 2008	AGM & Call My Bluff
16th June 2008	Wine Educators! A tasting aimed to teach us all something in a very nice way indeed !

Who's who in the Committee ?

Peter Godwin Our leader
David Rathmell The money man (not for long)
Sallie Payne Membership Secretary
Geoffrey Matthews Secretary & all things snail-mail
Peter Smith Events co-ordinator
David & Kim Finch Editors in training
Additional help:
Graham Parlett The web master (tekkie)

NEW TREASURER WANTED

David Rathmell will be retiring at the AGM in May, and we **ALL** therefore need a replacement treasurer to carry on the good work.

David will be the first to admit that it's not difficult, and brings with it a valid excuse to go out and "taste" some wine all in the name of a committee meeting.

Promotions & events:

As highlighted in January, there is a Wine festival taking place at Ascot racecourse on 10th May in which members may be interested. call the ticket office on 0870 727 1234 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday and quote 'West Surrey Wine Society 08 offer'.

DIARY PLANNING NOTICE :

What? 20th anniversary meeting of WSWs
When: Saturday August 16th 2008 6:30pm start
Where: Quinnettes, Churt (<http://www.churt-pc.gov.uk/quinnettes.htm>)
Special food, special wines (if it's the 20th anniversary they **HAVE** to be special)
Further details to follow, but this is a **"MUST – ATTEND"** event, so book it in your diary.

In the Vineyard: - a monthly look at what is going on in the Northern Hemisphere

March is for – planting new vines (usually grafted cuttings) and adding the essential "vine guards" (a bit like plastic bottles with no tops or bottoms) to protect the tender young vine from rabbits and other predators. It's a bit like small greenhouses for each vine. In the winery, wines that are destined to be drunk "young" need to be bottled. Any that are still fermenting need to be "stopped" and stable.

Sampling notes

As the nights draw out, and those of us who still work find there is light both on our way out in the morning and on our way home in the evenings, so our mind tends to think about summer holidays. So spare a thought for the summer party – our 20th anniversary – and try to make doubly sure that this day (Saturday 16th August) is reserved in your diaries.

If you enjoy WSWs, then don't keep it to yourself as a secret, but bring along friends & neighbours and increase the membership! With more members we can try more "exotic" wines and thereby improve the experience for all concerned.

David & Kim (editors in training)



It's time we discussed your TWM wine appreciation course.