



NEXT MEETING IS ON:
Monday 21st September
7:30pm for 8:00pm start

West Surrey Wine Society
<http://www.westsurreywinesociety.org.uk>

September 2009 edition

Wines from Chile with Chris Horridge

It is exactly a year since we tasted Chilean wines and Chris Horridge our speaker for this month is an international wine judge and runs two companies dealing with the wine trade. When he finds the time, he is also studying for his MW exams!

Chris will be showing us 6 different grape varieties of some stylish and fruit-driven Chilean wines - a sparkling brut Sauvignon Blanc, a top rated £17 Chardonnay, a £20 Cono Sur Pinot Noir, a Cabernet Sauvignon, a Terrunyo Carmenere, a Syrah Reserva Especial and lastly a delicious Sauvignon Blanc sticky!

Note: The attendance fee for guests will be £18. If a guest joins straight after their 2nd visit in the membership year, they will be reimbursed £6 - the difference between the guest and membership fees. (£3 reimbursed if they join after their first meeting).

Who's who in the Committee?

Graham C - The money man

Peter - Events co-ordinator

Sallie - Committee Chairman

Kim & David - Editors (Executive & "still" in-training)

Geoffrey - Secretary & all things snail

1 Vacancy – volunteer & see your name here!

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 21 st September	Chilean wines with Chris Horridge
Monday 19 th October	"Italian wines - unsung heroes" James Connolly, Director of Imbibros Wine Merchants.
Monday 16 th November	"A Wine Maker's View". Talk on winemaking with Andrew Gordon (using Grand Mayne Wines)
NB: Date change Monday 14 th December	<u>Christmas Function</u> With a surprise speaker

August Summer Party – South American Style

By Sallie Payne

Sallie steps into the breach to deliver a post party report.

I hope everyone had a good summer - weather wise it was certainly an improvement on last year with lots of sunny days in August and this carried through to our summer party, where we enjoyed a warm evening at the WSWs B-B-Q.

Our thanks go to Geoffrey and Sheila Matthews who hosted the event at their lovely home in Moor Park. Geoffrey looked very much the Argentinian with his South American straw hat and newly acquired moustache. It was an idyllic venue and about 30 members including Wilf Smith (a former member in excellent spirits accompanied by his carer), enjoyed the evening with a post dinner guided tour around the beautiful garden (though there was no high growing pampas grasses to twitch the noses of wild llamas). A very jolly time was had by one and all!

As for the food thanks to Peter for preparing a great selection of meats with a spicy sauce and to Sallie, Monica, Judy, Sheila and Suzy who prepared ever so “hot-hot” South American dishes and irresistible puddings!

Geoffrey and Sallie had the arduous task of selecting the wines - and in almost unlimited quantities!! The wines included an Alto Pampas del sur Viognier 2008 from Mendoza, Argentina, a Vicien Bonarda 2007 from Catamarca, Argentina and two stickys - one a Chilean Late Harvest Sauvignon Blanc and the other a Late Harvest Torrontes 2006 from Mendoza.

If you couldn't make the B-B-Q, make a note for the Christmas party now (Monday 14th December) so you don't miss out again!!

<u>Tasting notes....</u>	<u>Thought for the month</u>
<p>As the sun starts to get up later in the morning and go to bed earlier in the evening, so our thoughts move from summer puddings and soft red berry fruits to more nuttier things and warmer wines. Holidays are behind most of us, and those evening fires tempt us to stay in doors.</p> <p>Take a moment though to book the remaining 2009 meeting dates in your diaries. It's easy to do in one go and ensures that we don't commit to other events on WSWs night.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kim (& trainee David)</p>	<p>We really know the recession has hit when famous, well founded companies change the fundamentals of their business model in an attempt to retain / attract customers. It came as a bit of a surprise then to note that Majestic have broken the mould for their 12 bottle minimum, and now accept sales for just (!) 6 bottles in their retail outlets (it remains at 12 for tekkie on line shopping).</p> <p>Meanwhile, in Scotland, “happy hour” is no longer so happy, with discounted drinks being made illegal. There's even talk of forcing the supermarkets to only be allowed to sell alcoholic drinks from within their beer, wines and spirits sections and not merchandise them throughout the store.</p> <p>Now that HAS to be fantastic news – In future, you can go to one place and see all the offers, rather than tramping through the whole store to find the one bargain.</p>