

Newsletter

November 2018



**Our Next meeting is on Monday 19th November 2018 at the Farnham Conservative Club,
7.30pm for 8.00pm.**

“Under the bonnet of France’s classic wine regions, or seeing Bordeaux, the Rhône and Champagne in a new light.” presented by Nik Darlington , from Red Squirrel Wine



We have a new speaker for November and a new topic, but we will stay in France. The scheduled speaker has pulled out at short notice and Nik has very kindly stepped into the breach. Nik presented a range of South African boutique wines to us in February and proved a popular speaker, so we look forward to welcoming him back and really appreciate his support.

Nik is going to take us on a tour of the classic regions of France tasting wines from each of them - but he says, with a twist. So don't expect your average Bordeaux or Bourgogne Village and look forward to a an interesting evening.

This month please let Tim Thackeray know if you are or are not attending. Also if you pay by BACS remember to email David Rathmell at dw.rathmell@btinternet.com

October Meeting Summary

" Heather Dougherty of Red, White and Rose gave an excellent presentation on Mountains of the Loire Valley. Thirty one members attended. Apologies that the notes are short but it appears no one took notes....."

WSWS Chairman and committee are deeply saddened to note the passing of a recently recruited new member Ian Soden. Ian was very active in local charitable activities with the Lions and also the Farnham Farnham Society. He was introduced to WSWS in 2017 by Keith Harris.



South Africa Diary - Peter Smith

This time during our stay in Franschhoek we said "no wine tasting - we have too much wine in the Knysna house already". But the proximity of those wine estates was as usual too big an attraction! So we made a quick trip to Stony Brook which is a small family run estate right up under the mountain in Franschhoek and we think produces some of the best SA wines. We were after the 2015 vintage (a tremendous year for SA reds) of the Max - a red blend named after an elderly and grumpy Yorkshire terrier. Got there as they were closing but managed to get them to open up again so we could stock up.

The next day we went to Darling in the Swartland region for lunch with friends and were then promptly taken on a tasting tour. First to the Darling Cellars - a major coop. We had only drunk their basic range before which is in every bottle store and were quite surprised to find they had a much more extensive list of very drinkable wines especially the Gustus range and the more expensive but really well made Old Bush Vine Chenin and Cinsaut. We then rushed to Ormonde in the little town of Darling and though they had again just closed too, we told them we had come all the way from England and persuaded them to reopen. We had not drunk their wines before - a bad oversight as they are excellent. Quite a big range, as most SA estates have - too many to mention them all but the Ondine Speciality Range was the stand-out, especially the Sauvignon Blanc and a lovely Grenache.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday 17th December	Sherry	Charles Minoprio MW
Monday 21st January '19	Wine Categories of Germany	David Wright, David Alexander Wine Merchants

PERIODIC TABLE OF WINE

Ri Riesling	WHITE WINE					RED WINE					Lb Lambrusco
Zw White Zinfandel	So Soave	Or Orvieto	Po Pinot Grigio	Sm Semillon	Va Valpolicella	Be Beaujolais	Gr Grenache	Ga Gamay	Mo Montepulciano	Do Dolcetto	
Lf Liebtraumlich	Mt Müller-Thurgau	Tr Trebiano	Cl Colombard	Cb Chenin Blanc	Cf Cabernet Franc	Te Tempranillo	Ne Nebbiolo	Pe Pinotage	Pn Pinot Noir	Bu Burgundy	
Se Siegerebe	C Chablis	Vi Vignier	Fb Fume Blanc	Sb Sauvignon Blanc	Lm Lemberger	Br Barbera	Sg Sangiovese	Ci Chianti	Ba Barbaresco	Bo Barolo	
Gz Gewürztraminer	Bb White Bordeaux	Bw White Burgundy	Pg Pinot Gris	Cd Chardonnay	Ri Rioja	Bx Bordeaux	Cp Chateaufneuf du Pape	Co Cote d'or	Hg Hermitage	Me Merlot	
						Zi Zinfandel (red)	Sy Syrah	Sz Shiraz	Mb Malbec	Cs Cabernet Sauvignon	
Sparkling Wine	As Asti Spumanti	Sk Sekt	Cv Cava	Ch Champagne							
Desert & Fortified	Sa Sauterne	Vs Vin Santo	Bm Black Muscat	By Brandy	Cg Cognac	Md Madeira	Sy Sherry	Pt Port			

The editor understands we have some members with a scientific leaning.....

HOT NEWS::

Don't book holidays in June - Stephen Spurrier will present a selection of Rhone wines from his own cellar at our 2019 Fine Wine Tasting.

Wine
o'clock