

Newsletter

September 2018



**Our Next meeting is on Monday 15th October 2018 at the Farnham Conservative Club,
7.30pm for 8.00pm.**

"From Mountain to Ocean Wines of The Loire Valley" presented by Heather Dougherty, Red, White and Rose



This will be Heather's third visit to us and she has already established herself as a popular and engaging speaker. The Loire is one of her specialist and favourite regions because it produces such a range and variety of wines - sparkling to dry whites, rosé, red and dessert. She will take us on a journey down the Loire and as well as its well known white wines we will be tasting its increasingly important range of red wines - Gamay, Pinot Noir and Cabernet Franc; finishing with a dessert wine which we haven't done for some time.

As well as running her own successful business based in Guildford she is the 2018 UK Champagne Ambassador, Chairman of the Association of Wine Educators and an experienced Decanter wine judge.

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

September Meeting Summary

Tatiana Nikitina from Dolce Vita Wines presented a selection of wines from their extensive portfolio based on unusual grape varieties. Dolce Vita specialises in lesser known varieties and she was on target with her selection - only one member (anonymous and no prizes for guessing who) admitted to having tried four of them before. Well according to Tatiana there are 300 known varieties in Italy and probably another 300 that are not known so this was no surprise. She had sourced wines from the Piedmont to Sicily and Sardinia so we had an interesting comparison of regions as well as varieties. On a show of hands the Copolemole Bianco Marco Carpineti Bellone from Lazio was deemed the favourite white, and the Liber Pater Ippolito Gaglioppo from Calabria and the Nero Cappuccio Cummo from Sicily the best reds.

Tatiana is an engaging speaker, though her accent proved a little challenging for some, but is not



quite the usual London wine merchant; originally from Russia and after a career in finance and banking she sensibly decided wine offered a much more wholesome environment. Interestingly the admin side of the business is run by her mother, who we also welcomed to the meeting, and her sister who are based in Moscow.

Optimal Wine Temperatures



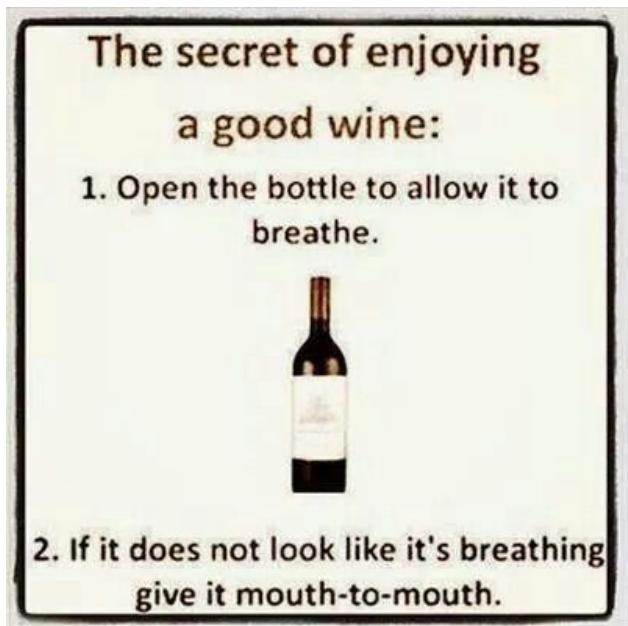
Upcoming Meetings

Mon 19th November	Hidden Treasurers from Bordeaux	Frazer Mott, Department 33 Wines
Monday 17th December	Sherry	Charles Minoprio MW
Monday 21st January '19	Wine Categories of Germany	David Wright, David Alexander Wine Merchants

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.

..... and further Peter has just advised that he had lunch with friends in Darling in the SA Swartland last Thursday and tasted at Darling Cellars and Ormonde. Lets hope he sends us something for the next newsletter.



Newsletter Editors Comment

Come on folks, I have received a whole big fat zero input from any member to add to the newsletter this month. I really can not believe that you have not visited some vineyards around our globe this year, so why not share your views and recommendations, either to go or to avoid.

Our esteemed committee have also failed to supply any pictures - so beware I may try to sneak a few when they are not looking.



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