



# Quaffing

PWS Quarterly Notes & News



May 2005

## From The Secretary

As we look forward to summer holidays and (hopefully) fine weather at home, we have our last two events of the current season. The June tasting is an exciting look at Californian wines from Beringer Blass Estates - part of the Wolf Blass Empire. This will be presented by a representative from Beringer.

On Tuesday July 5th, we will have our Annual Garden Party at Rosie's Vineyard in Southsea. This popular event combines food and wine in the relaxed atmosphere of the "al fresco" garden that Karen & David have substantially extended and rebuilt in the last two years. The additional space means that there should be no restriction on places so guests

will be welcome. Do please book by the cut-off date as we have to give adequate notice of numbers to Rosie's. For those who are new to Rosie's, the address is shown in the programme on the following page.

The Autumn programme is now taking shape and details can be found on the following page. In September, we will not only enjoy a range of wines as usual but also a selection of cheeses to match. In October, we hope to have a representative from Jackson Estates to show us some of their fantastic wines and in November we will have both a tasting (Rioja) and our Annual Dinner - a formal event at South Downs College with food prepared and served by

catering students. The Committee will, as usual, present a selection of their favourite wines at the December tasting. In January we will return to South America. Before the A.G.M. and "Blind Tasting" in March, we hope to arrange a tutored tasting from Brown Brothers. This will be a chance to sharpen up the senses in a relaxed and friendly event aimed at helping members to distinguish between grape varieties and styles.

As this newsletter arrives, it will be time for membership renewal. Please complete and return the enclosed form as soon as possible - membership runs from May 1<sup>st</sup>. Prompt renewal helps reduce the cost of sending reminder letters. We look forward to your continued support.

*Bob Hawthorne*

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005</b> <i>Beringer Blass - Claifornian Wines</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005</b> <i>Summer Party</i>	<b>Rosie's Vineyard 7.00pm</b> <i>(87 Elm Grove, Southsea PO5 1JF)</i>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005</b> <i>Wine &amp; Cheese Tasting</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005</b> <i>Jackson Estate</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005</b> <i>Rioja</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005</b> <i>PWS Annual Dinner</i>	<b>South Downs College 6.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005</b> <i>Committee Tasting</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006</b> <i>South America</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006</b> <i>Brown Brothers Tutored Tasting</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006</b> <i>Annual General Meeting &amp; Tasting Challenge</i>	Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

## Beringer Vineyards

The Beringer commitment to fine wines began in 1875 when Jacob and Frederick Beringer purchased 215 acres of prime vineyard land in Napa Valley California.

The Beringer Brothers winery was formally established in 1876 and the original vineyard, known today as St Helena Home Vineyard is still a prime source of Cabernet Sauvignon for Beringer's Private Reserve.

Even the enactment of prohibition could not stop the Beringers. A license was granted to continue production of altar wines during this period, and in so doing, Beringer has become the oldest continuously operated winery in the Napa Valley, celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2001.

Current Winemaster Ed Sbragia is only the 6<sup>th</sup> in the companys history, bringing his innovative style and pursuit of excellence to every wine produced by Beringer Vineyards. It is a commitment to producing fine wines and has seen the winery listed in Wine Spectators Top 100 list more than any other winery. Furthermore, it is the only winery to be awarded Wine Spectators Wine of the Year for both a red and a white.

Jacob Beringer's foresight in recognizing the quality and potential of grape growing in the Napa Valley is part of the living heritage of Beringer Vineyards. With the present use of state-of-the-art technology applied to age-old traditions, Beringer Vineyards' wines continue to reflect a single-minded dedication to the making of memorable wines from great Napa Valley vineyards.

# JULY GARDEN PARTY - BOOK NOW!



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2005 Rosie's Vineyard 7.00pm

## PWS Annual Garden Party

I/We would like to attend the Garden Party. Guests are welcome.

Please reserve ..... places at **£20** per head - Total enclosed £.....

Name:.....Telephone:.....

Send cheques payable to "Portsmouth Wine Society" to:

**Roger Foster, Cams Hill House, 24 Portchester Road, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 8PT**

**By 25<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

## Don't Forget: Membership Renewal 2005-06 Please Complete Enclosed Form

please help us by renewing promptly

# JUNE TASTING - BOOK NOW!



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

## Beringer Blass Vineyards

I/We would like to attend the Beringer tasting. Guests are welcome.

Please reserve ..... members places at **£6.50** per head

Please reserve .....Guest places at **£6.50** per head

Total enclosed £.....

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**By 28<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

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