



# Quaffing

PWS Notes & News



September 2005

## From The Secretary

Welcome to another edition of Quaffing!

In this issue you will find booking forms for forthcoming events starting with a fantastic New Zealand tasting with Jackson Estate and Villa Maria followed in November by a real expose of what's happening in Spain with Rioja. Both these events will give us the chance to sample some really great wines and deserve your support.

Also in November, we are having our Annual Dinner at South Downs College. For those of you who have not been to this event before, it's our way of

supporting the young chefs and restaurateurs of the future who are being trained at South Down's excellent facility. The food is always of a very high standard and this year, there is a new and improved wine list from which to select some good matches for the food. We advertise this as a formal "black tie" dinner but please don't be put off if you don't have a dinner suit - a dark lounge suit is perfectly acceptable. You may be wondering about the early start time - this is entirely due to the restriction on working hours of the students and we should be finished by 10pm.

I have included details of a brand new wine show being staged in London this month. It looks very good and I would encourage anyone to attend especially if you have not been to this kind of show before. You will certainly discover what a huge subject wine is!

Please note the change of address for returning your booking forms. Our Treasurer Roger, who normally manages these, is moving house and so I will be taking on the job.

Please continue to support the events in good number - I look forward to seeing you there.

*Bob Hawthorne*

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# Wine Lovers Get Their Own Show

Taking place from **Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 October** at the **Business Design Centre** in Islington, The Wine Show London is the largest dedicated wine show in the UK and will be a great day out for anybody who enjoys wine.

Leading wine experts and celebrities will be at the Show every day including Oz Clarke, Susy Atkins, Charles Metcalfe, Kitty Johnson, Robert Joseph, Sarah Jane Evans, Tim Atkin, Joe Wadsack and Matt Skinner. Visitors will have the chance to enjoy a glass of wine in our Drink with the Experts area and pick their brains on any kind of wine-related topic, from food pairings, storage techniques, cork varieties and when to open that prized bottle hidden away in your cupboard.

The Tasting Theatre will take place in an intimate environment led by one of our experts in association with Vinopolis. Demystify the world of wine as an expert guides you through a variety of wines from around the world as you taste, compare and learn.

If you're keen to learn more about specific grape varieties, such as Sauvignon Blanc or Shiraz, or your favourite wine region, such as Bordeaux, then sign up to one of the 'Wine Walks'. These specially themed walks with a wine expert have been set up to ensure you get the most from your visit to The Wine Show London – taste and learn with every step.

Book your tickets now for The Wine Show London by calling the Ticket Hotline on 0870 890 0094 as all pre-booked tickets will receive a £5 discount off the door price. Entry includes a complimentary wine glass, thousands of wines to taste plus heaps of free on-site attractions.

Groups of 6 or more people will receive a £7.50 discount off the door price (per ticket) but only if pre-booked so get your friends or office colleagues together - it's a great day out for everybody and anybody who enjoys wine!

For detailed information visit The Wine Show London website at [www.wineshow.co.uk](http://www.wineshow.co.uk)

Home Delivery: The Wine Show London has partnered with ANC to provide a home delivery service for wines purchased at the Show.

Opening Hours:

Thursday 27 October 6pm – 9pm

Friday 28 October 11am – 7pm

Saturday 29 October 11am – 6pm

Sunday 30 October 11am – 5pm

Ticket Prices: Pre- Booked                      On Door

Thursday                      £12.50                      £17.50

Friday                      £12.50                      £17.50

Saturday                      £15.00                      £20.00

Sunday                      £15.00                      £20.00

Entry price includes all wine tasting and complimentary wine glass.



# Jackson Estate & Villa Maria

Presented by Nina Walters

Nina Walters from Hedley Wright Wine Merchants ([www.hedleywright.co.uk](http://www.hedleywright.co.uk)) will present some of the very best of New Zealand for our October tasting. Stunning wines from the Jackson Estate - Sauvignon, Riesling & Pinot Noir together with quality and value from Villa Maria.

Jackson Estate is a special place, a testament to the vision and determination of the Stichbury & Jackson families who have farmed the land on the Wairau River plain at Jacksons Road for more than 160 years. Since planting their pioneering vineyards three decades ago, time, tide and fortune have smiled on Jackson Estate, and the unparalleled affinity between Marlborough and fine wine has been spectacularly realised.

Villa Maria is one of New Zealand's leading winemakers. Founded in 1961 by its current owner and Managing Director, George Fistonich, Villa Maria is 100% New Zealand owned. Villa Maria has been New Zealand's leading wine award winner, both nationally and internationally since the early 1980's.

## Rioja Tasting

Presented by Trevor Elliott

Many of you will know Trevor as a member of the committee. You may have attended his presentation of South African wines last December.

When most people think of Spanish wines they think of Rioja, made from the Tempranillo grape, with a fresh, rich, raspberry flavour, accompanied by vanilla and spice from American oak in a young wine, or the complexity and power of a Gran Reserva wine.

However, things are changing, as Trevor discovered during a recent visit.

This tasting will give you an opportunity to learn about some of these changes, and to experience the different styles of Riojas being produced in different Bodegas. The wines to be presented, mostly red, and ranging from young (Joven) through to Gran Reserva, are made from several grape varieties in addition to Tempranillo – some you would not expect to find in Rioja!!

Don't miss this great opportunity.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005</b><br><i>Jackson Estate / Villa Maria with HWCG</i>       | Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm               |
| <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005</b><br><i>Rioja - Trevor Elliott</i>                      | Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm               |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005</b><br><i>PWS Annual Dinner</i>                        | <b>South Downs College 6.15pm</b>       |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005</b><br><i>Committee Tasting</i>                           | Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm               |
| <b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006</b><br><i>South America</i>                                | Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm               |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006</b><br><i>Brown Brothers Tutored Tasting</i>              | Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm               |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006</b><br><i>Annual General Meeting &amp; Tasting Challenge</i> | Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm               |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006</b><br><i>PWS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner</i>           | <b>Brookfield Hotel Emsworth 7.00pm</b> |

## (un)discovered authors

*Undiscovered Authors* is the UK's first national competition aimed at seeking out new literary talent on any subject, and is open to everyone aged 18 and over.

We were hoping that some of your members might want to communicate their **views and expertise on wine**; a **general wine guide**, a guide to **wine-making, specialist wine regions, food and wine**, etc...

Entries can be on any subject matter, under the categories of **General Fiction, Non-Fiction** and **Academic**. The competition is launching in 16 different regions across the UK and Ireland with great financial rewards of **£1,000 per category** for each region. Three winners from each region will then be entered into a national final with winning prizes of **£10,000** for General Fiction, **£5,000** for Non Fiction and **£2,000** for Academic.

To enter the competition an online registration form must be completed, and a sample chapter and synopsis of the entrants work provided by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. Entry to the competition is free.

*Undiscovered Authors* is designed to encourage anyone to become published to whatever level they may aspire.....they do say there's a book in each of us!

Please find more information online at [www.undiscoveredauthors.co.uk](http://www.undiscoveredauthors.co.uk), including details of mini opening page competitions at a location near you. If you need any more details please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0207 529 3747 or [natalie.matthews@bookforce.co.uk](mailto:natalie.matthews@bookforce.co.uk) and I would be happy to discuss the competition in more detail.

**Natalie Matthews**

Undiscovered Authors Marketing

# NOVEMBER DINNER - Book Now!

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 - South Downs College

## PWS Annual Dinner

6.15pm for 6.45pm - Dress: Black Tie / Dark Lounge Suit

I/We would like to attend The PWS Annual Dinner. (4 courses with wine and coffee)

Please reserve ..... places at **£30** per head, total enclosed £.....

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

Name:.....

Guest Name:.....

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Guest Name:.....

Please seat with:.....(tables of 8)

Do any of the above require a vegetarian option?.....

Regretfully, we are not able to cater for any other dietary requirements.

Send cheques payable to **“Portsmouth Wine Society”** to:

**Bob Hawthorne**

**17 Lindley Avenue, Southsea, Hampshire PO4 9NT**

**By 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

## Rioja

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

Please reserve ..... places at **£9.50** per head

Total enclosed £.....

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

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**By 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

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# OCTOBER TASTING - BOOK NOW!

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm



## Jackson Estate / Villa Maria

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

Please reserve ..... places at **£10** per head

Total enclosed £.....

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

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