



Quaffing



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December 2006

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To kick off another year's tasting and with one foot still in the festive season, we have Ben Campbell-Johnston presenting some great Port wines from the Symington Family's houses. Ben will explain all about the Port industry and the different styles which still leave many of us confused.

Please note that we must have your bookings for the January Port tasting by Monday 18th January in order that Ben can arrange the appropriate quantities before the Christmas shutdown.

In February, Philip Portal (Portal Dingwall & Norris - Emsworth) will show some excellent wines from Patagonia and believe it or not, Thailand. It's hard to find regions and countries that the Society has not explored before so please come along and make some new discoveries.

We enjoyed another great evening of food and wine in November with our friends at South Downs College and it was pleasing to have a "full house". The restaurant has recently been awarded the accolade of Best College Restaurant 2006 - well deserved judging by our experience.

Have a wonderful Christmas & New Year and I hope we will see you at some or all of the forthcoming tastings.

Bob Hawthorne

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Philip Portal

Philip Portal is the owner of the Emsworth based wine shippers Portal Dingwall & Norris which has been trading from Emsworth since 1991 although the business was originally started in 1830 and based in London.

It ships wines from all areas of the world including South Africa, Chile, Thailand and Patagonia which must be amongst some of the rarer areas.

The business is predominantly into the tradition trade markets; hotels, restaurants and gastro-pubs from Brighton to Poole and into South London.

Outside this area, the company works with regional wholesalers who promote its wines in their areas.

The shop which is located just east of Emsworth on the main A259 heading toward Southbourne is open Monday to Friday 10am until 5.30pm.

Forthcoming Events

All tastings are held at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 6 th March 2007	Annual General Meeting & Tasting Challenge
Tuesday 3 rd April 2007	Greece
Tuesday 1 st May 2007	TBA
Tuesday 5 th June 2007	English Wine
Tuesday 3 rd July 2007	Summer Garden Party - Rosie's Vineyard

Ben Campbell-Johnston

Ben has worked in the wine trade for 14 years. Having cut his teeth at Oddbins, he went to work for the family business in Oporto and trained in aspects of port production, marketing and sales. After two years in Portugal, he returned to the UK where he now sells and markets the Symington Family Estates Ports, Madeiras and wines and is a brand ambassador for the company. Port is in his very blood. His great Grandfather Andrew James Symington went to Oporto in 1882 where he became involved in the firms of Dow's and Warre's; his grandfather was the winemaker for Warre's and now his uncle and five cousins are solely responsible for the production sales and marketing of all the Symington Family's Port Houses.

With all his knowledge and experience, Ben is the ideal person to guide us through an evening of Port.

This is an opportunity to learn all about the Port industry and to taste a range of styles, including ruby, LBV, tawny, crusted and vintage. What better way of ending the Festive Season! Don't miss this tasting.

February Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 6th February 2007 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Philip Portal - Patagonia & Thailand

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

Please reserve places at **£9** per head - Total enclosed £.....

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

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By 29th January 2007

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January Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 2nd January 2007 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Ben Campbell-Johnston - Port

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

Please reserve places at **£13** per head - Total enclosed £.....

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