



Quaffing



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October 2007

We have some excellent tastings coming up for you in the next 4 months which I urge you to support in good number. Fresh back from a trip to South Africa which several members are currently making, Trevor Elliott will showcase some great wines from that country. Our popular Annual Dinner is in November - please see the booking form enclosed with this newsletter and join us for a great evening of food & wine at the award winning South Downs College training restaurant. In December we are treated to the wines of Uruguay presented by Educator and writer, Wink Lorch. As our usual day falls on New Year's Day, we will meet one day later on Wednesday 2nd January for a tasting presented by your Committee members. In February, Alistair Gibson will compare Old and New World wines in the Rhone style.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 6 th November 2007	South Africa - Trevor Elliott
Tuesday 20 th November 2007	PWS Annual Dinner - South Downs College
Tuesday 4 th December 2007	Uruguay - Wink Lorch
Wednesday 2nd January 2008	Committee Tasting - note day/date change
Tuesday 5 th February 2008	Rhone Around The World - Alistair Gibson

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Wine from Uruguay - Wink Lorch

A wine writer, educator and editor, Wink divides her time between London and the mountains of Haute Savoie, France. A founder member and the first chairman of the Association of Wine Educators, she is also a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Over two decades, Wink has contributed to many magazines, websites and books including the Time-Life Wine Guide and the 3rd edition of the Oxford Wine companion. She writes on Jura and Savoie for Tom Stevenson's annual Wine Report and occasionally for www.wine-pages.com.

In 2007 she launched Wine Travel Guides, a website for independent wine travellers, initially covering France. The www.winetravelguides.com site provides more than 45 detailed on-line guides available by subscription, written by regional writers, linked with maps and tourist information. Each Guide includes recommendations for wine producers to visit, places to stay, eat and shop, walks, drives and more.

For many years Wink has been a regular speaker on wine, conducting tastings for wine clubs and corporate groups. She has a passion for South American wines and has lectured on these and other areas for the WSET Diploma course, enjoying the great experience of visiting these wine regions several times over the past 14 years. In the past 6 years she has visited the relatively unknown wine regions of Uruguay three times.

When not working, eating or tasting/drinking wine, Wink indulges in skiing, mountain walking or listening to jazz and blues. She also rents out an apartment to holidaymakers in her beautiful Alpine chalet, see www.chaletbalaena.com.

Wines of South Africa - Trevor Elliott

Most of you will know Trevor as a member of the Society (for over 20 years) and, until recently, a member of the committee. He has presented many tastings for us during this time.

Since 1993, Trevor has been a regular visitor to South Africa. When he presents this tasting, he will have just returned from his latest visit to the Cape Winelands.

Trevor has seen many changes taking place in the South African wine industry over the past 14 years. Since the end of apartheid, South Africa has become a major player in the world's wine market and a most important supplier to the UK.

The quality of wines from South Africa has greatly improved over the years, due to the planting of healthy vines, careful selection of planting sites – there are now over 60 official “appellations” - and much research into viticulture and winemaking. South Africa currently produces approximately 3.5% of the world's wines, and can successfully compete at the different price points with Brands such as FirstCape and Kumala, and the estate wines from Buitenverwachting, Klein Constantia, Simonsig, Vergelegen, Villiera, and many many others.

During the evening, Trevor will tell us about some of the most recent changes he has observed, and present a tasting of 8 wines. His difficulty, he says, is to select just 8, from the vast number of really good wines available.

This is an evening not to be missed!

December Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 4th December 2007 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Wine from Uruguay with Wink Lorch

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

Please reserve member's places at **£12.00** per head

Total enclosed £.....

Please reserve Guest places at **£14.00** per head

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

Send cheques payable to "Portsmouth Wine Society" to:

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