



Quaffing



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April 2008

We have some excellent tastings for you in the next couple of months. Kevin Powell, a wine maker and educator will present some gems from California - not your Gallo's et al but high quality smaller producers. In June, Charles Addison, recently graduated from Lancaster University, will show us some unique wines from smaller Hungarian producers. Before our summer break, we hope to round off with our annual Garden Party at Rosie's. Details will follow.

May is membership renewal time. Renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter - please complete and return them in good time - it costs the Society time and money to chase up late returns. We hope, of course, that everyone will renew their membership! Despite rising costs, our varied tasting programme still offers good value and fulfills the Society's main remit of appreciation and education.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 6 th May 2008	Kevin Powell - California
Tuesday 3 rd June 2008	Charles Addison - Hungary
Tuesday 1 st July 2008	PWS GArden Party - Rosie's Vineyard

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Charles Addison

Trans-Danubia Wines & Spirits Ltd. Was formed in August 2006 by Managing Director, Charles Addison, who had graduated from Lancaster University in June of that year. The interest in Hungarian wines came from long periods spent in Hungary during a dissertation undertaken in environmental health.

The culture, history and countryside proved to be very influential and developed a strong interest in the wines. Following a period of residence in Hungary, Charles Addison, returned to the UK with the intent of bringing some of the less known Hungarian wines, from the smaller family run establishments into the UK, where the wines have been well received. We have improved our selection several times, introducing several new wines each season.

Charles now to's and fro's between home in Ironbridge, Shropshire and Budapest where he has a Hungarian partner who is readying herself to move to the UK as a dentist. It is very much a family run business, with father in law running his own winery, where Charles has had the privilege in making his own wine, which won a regional competition last year in Hungary – sadly, it will not be available for this tasting. The aim of the business is to aid in the already growing re-establishment of Hungary as a world known wine making nation, which had taken a serious knock from the fall of the iron curtain. Since it has been lifted, Hungary has seen a new generation of wine makers emerge – blending 2000 years of proud wine making heritage with modern approaches to wine making. The result, is an exciting array unique, indigenous wines, ready to quench the thirst of the world wine market.

Kevin Powell

Kevin's early working life was spent in a diverse range of jobs - kitchen fitter, painter and decorator, actor, stand-up comedian and semi-pro athlete. It was all too much, so he "settled down" to 15 years of teaching in FE Colleges and Universities.



With the decline of British education into a soulless mire of bureaucracy and targets in the 1990's, he sought something more stimulating and fortuitously found the easiest job in the world - teaching people to drink. It was a revelation that someone had invented this job and the fulfilment of a dream that he had got it.

At the same time Kevin became interested in the production side of wine and to find out more he worked in wineries and took courses in viticulture and winemaking at Plumpton, Bordeaux and UC Davis. He has now worked 14 vintages, mostly in California, but also Bordeaux, Burgundy and England.

In California he works in Napa Valley, making wines from Zinfandel, Syrah and Petite Sirah in particular, but also Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Barbera, Sangiovese and a few that almost no-one has ever heard of.

June Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 3rd June 2008 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Charles Addison - Hungary

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

Please reserve member's places at **£8.50** per head

Total enclosed £.....

Please reserve Guest places at **£10.00** per head

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

Send cheques payable to "**Portsmouth Wine Society**" to:

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By Friday 23rd May 2008

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May Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 6th May 2008 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Kevin Powell - California

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

Please reserve member's places at **£14.00** per head

Total enclosed £.....

Please reserve Guest places at **£16.00** per head

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