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January 2009

Happy New Year!

Following the excellent start of January's Food & Wine tasting, we move into February with Trevor Elliott showing us more of the incredible diversity in wine from Portugal.

The Annual General Meeting is up next in March. This is your chance to comment on any aspect of the Society and how it is run. Please use the enclosed papers to submit any motions you wish to raise at the meeting and propose anyone you know who would be interested and willing to be nominated to join the Committee.

Immediately following the A.G.M. will be the usual fun of a blind tasting challenge contrived this year by Graham Jones.

May sees the welcome return of Simon Taylor (Stone, Vine & Sun) this time showing us wines from Chile.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 3 rd February 2009	Wines of Portugal with Trevor Elliott
Tuesday 3 rd March 2009	AGM & Blind Tasting Fun Challenge
Tuesday 7 th April 2009	TBA
Tuesday 5 th May 2009	Chilean Wine - Simon Taylor

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Portugal - Trevor Elliott



Portugal has a long history of wine making. However, when asked to name wines from Portugal, most people give a rather short list - Port, Vinho Verde and Mateus Rosé. Some may also mention Madeira, although many don't know the island is a wine region of Portugal.

Since joining the EU, investment in the wine industry has led to a vast improvement in wine quality. Although the well known varieties such as Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah are grown, Portugal's strength lies in its wealth of indigenous grape varieties. They include Touriga Nacional, Castelão, Tinta Roriz, Arinto, Roupeiro, Bical, and many more; all providing a range of wonderful aromas and flavours.

Portugal has more than 30 different wine regions. The main ones, from north to south are: Vinho Verde, Douro, Dão, Bairrada, Beiras, Ribatejo, Estremadura, Terras de Sado, Alentejo and Madeira. The Douro, traditionally known for Port and the Alentejo, are becoming well known for their table wines.

Whilst the UK wine market has been static this year, there has been a growth in imports both in the volume and value of Portuguese wines over the last two years. Off trade sales are currently about 850mi cases a year.

Trevor has been a great fan of Portuguese wines for many years, and has presented tastings on behalf of the Portuguese Trade and Tourism Office and ViniPortugal. He says he now finds selecting just 8 wines for a tasting is difficult, with so many good wines available.

Portugal's strength is its diversity.

Come along to the tasting and see for yourself the quality and value for money that Portuguese wines offer.

March A.G.M & Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 3rd March 2009 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

PWS A.G.M. & Blind Tasting Fun Challenge

I/We would like to attend the A.G.M & Blind Tasting. **Members Only.**

Please reserve member's places at **£5.00** per head **Total enclosed £.....**

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

Send cheques payable to "Portsmouth Wine Society" to:

Roger Foster, Mylor House, Swanmore Road,

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By Monday 23rd February 2009

Please note the return by dates for bookings. We, or our presenters, often require 7-10 days to find, order and take delivery of wines for tasting. The quantity of wine purchased depends on the numbers booked at the closing date. we regret therefore, that late bookings may be rejected. To check late availability, please contact a Committee member.

February Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 3rd February 2009 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Portugal - Trevor Elliott

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

Please reserve member's places at **£11.50** per head **Total enclosed £.....**

Please reserve Guest places at **£13.00** per head

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