



# Quaffing



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August 2009

The Society's Hog Roast in July seems to have been a great success - thank you to all those who attended. Our special thanks must go to our Treasurer Roger Foster and his wife Denise for hosting the event. As with any event of this nature, a huge amount of unseen planning and effort goes on to deliver an enjoyable evening for members.

After our summer break in August, we look forward to our autumn programme of tastings and the Annual Dinner at South Downs College in November. The next few tastings are listed below and on the website.

If any members would like to write an article to be published in Quaffing, I would be most grateful to receive them. It could be anything from details of an enjoyable visit to a winery, tasting notes for a wine to whatever might be of interest to other members. If you do have something - please email it to me at the address shown below.

*Bob Hawthorne*

## Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2009	Chile - Simon Taylor, Stone Vine & Sun
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Alan Borrow - A career in wine
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Greece
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	PWS Annual Dinner - South Downs College
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2009	Committee Tasting

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# Alan Borrow

When Peter Ellam invited me to address PWS, he asked me to build it around my time as JWWines Wholesale, and subsequently in U3A Wine Appreciation. After thirty three years serving the Building trade and the Home Improvement market in Waterlooville, one can appreciate that this was some career change - but what a breath of fresh air! Suddenly I was dealing in a lovely subject, meeting interesting people and having to taste wine all day long in order to make the right decisions!

It's nearly thirteen years since I sold a bathroom, a fitted kitchen or indeed, a 10,000 load of Sussex clamp bricks, and in that time I have learned quite a lot about wine, and visited wineries in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and California. Suddenly there is an added dimension to going abroad on holiday!

I will feature those wines that are most pleasing to me, and just hope that some of you agree with me! For those of you who have never been to a "Call my Wine Bluff evening", I will touch on this easy route to a most enjoyable evening, and of course, an ideal vehicle for raising money for charity.

Many of you will know my ex-partner, John Withers, and there is no doubt that I owe him a debt of gratitude for getting me into vinolent ways. I well remember attending PWS meetings with various representatives and sales managers of Wine Shippers in the '97 - 03 period, and I am pleased that I am about to make it in my own right!!

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## Simon Taylor - Stone, Vine & Sun

Simon Taylor of Stone, Vine & Sun has long been a Francophile and educated drinker of Old World wines, but he has been converted to the exciting quality coming out of Argentina and Chile now.

This tasting of wines from Stone, Vine & Sun's South American stock will showcase the respective strengths of the two countries – Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenere in Chile and Malbec and Viognier in Argentina.

In particular he will focus on what are emerging as the best terroirs in the continent, for example the new coastal regions of Chile for the whites, and the top red regions of Maipo in Chile and Mendoza in Argentina.

# October Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

**Alan Borrow**

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

Please reserve ..... member's places at **£10** per head      **Total enclosed £.....**

Please reserve ..... Guest places at **£12.00** per head

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

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

**Roger Foster, Mylor House, Swanmore Road,**

**Droxford, Hampshire SO32 3PT**

**By Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 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.*

# September Tasting - Book Now!

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**Chile - Simon Taylor, Stone Vine& Sun**

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

Please reserve ..... member's places at **£12** per head      **Total enclosed £.....**

Please reserve ..... Guest places at **£14** per head

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

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