



Quaffing



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March 2010

Following on from a successful A.G.M. the customary blind tasting challenge was as interesting as ever. Our two Peters (Ellam and Hamilton) came up with a tricky set of 8 wines for us to determine. Our thanks to them for the effort that goes into this event. We also welcome new Committee member James Jay.

We now have two great tastings ahead with David Cox showing us wines from New Zealand followed in May by a selection of wines from the list of our friends at Bush Vines.

As the January tasting of Fine Wine with David Dickinson was affected by the atrocious snow, we have re-arranged it for June. Additional places will be available this time. July sees our second annual Hog Roast - an event that was much enjoyed by all who attended last year. Once again it will be hosted by our Treasurer and his wife in Droxford.

Please look out for your Membership Renewal forms which will be coming out in April and return them by 1st May please.

Bob Hawthorne

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 6 th April	New Zealand - David Cox
Tuesday 4 th May	Bush Vines
Tuesday 1 st June	Fine Wines with David Dickinson
Friday 9 th July	Hog Roast

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Bush Vines

We started our small wine business in 2005, with the aim of promoting wines from Spain made by the smaller and more innovative producers of all the major wine-making areas. Our list is expanding, and our current 40 items also includes wines from England, South Africa and New Zealand.



The quality of Spanish viticulture and winemaking has increased dramatically over the last 10 years, and we believe that Spain now offers just as good value for money as wines from the New World while beating the Southern Hemisphere hands down for style and, above all, variety. There is so much more to Spanish wine than Rioja and Sherry!

Based in Westbourne, near Emsworth, we do not have a shop but sell our wines through promotional tastings and other events. We offer free local delivery for orders of 6 bottles or more, and a discount of 5% on a mixed case of 12 bottles or more.

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DAVID COX - Wines of New Zealand



Prior to being appointed Director – Europe for New Zealand Winegrowers in May 2009, David Cox was the Managing Director for Brown-Forman's Wine operation in Europe. Brown-Forman, headquartered in Kentucky, USA, are the owners of the leading spirit brands Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort and Finlandia Vodka and the international wine division was set up in 1992 following the purchase of Fetzer Vineyards and Bonterra Vineyards in California and the Bolla winery in the Veneto, Italy. The company also owns the prestigious Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards winery in California.

David was recruited in 1995 to set up a European presence for Brown-Forman Wines and, through a small London-based sales and marketing organisation, he built the portfolio successfully, especially Fetzer and Bonterra, from about 40,000 cases in 1995 to over 1 million cases in 2008. David had previously spent 10 years working in sales management and was Export Director at Matthew Clark Plc., the firm having been originally founded by his great-great grandfather in 1810. He was the last Cox/Gordon Clark family member to leave Matthew Clark prior to its metamorphosis and subsequent sale to Constellation Brands. Prior to that David had worked outside the wine industry at Xerox Corporation in sales and sales management.

May Tasting - Book Now!

Tuesday 4th May 2010 Mountbatten Centre 7.00pm

Bush Vines

I/We would like to attend the Bush Vines 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:.....

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

Roger Foster, Mylor House, Swanmore Road,

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By Saturday 24th April 2010

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April Tasting - Book Now!

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David Cox - Wines of New Zealand

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