



Whitewater Valley Wine Society July 2018

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Next Tasting: Wednesday 11th July 2018

Venue: The Raven Hotel, Hook, RG27 9HS

Welcome drink from 7.45pm

Tasting starts 8.00pm

Cost £15 members, £18 non-members

Please book in advance for the July tasting, by calling Secretary Keith Cooper on 07976 272822 or e-mailing him at kcooper.medlar@btinternet.com

Bookings are open to fully paid up members only until Thursday 5th July, on a first come, first served basis.

Bookings will be accepted from both members and guests from Friday 6th July, assuming places remain available.

Richard Kelley Master of Wine Director, Dreyfus Ashby The wines of South Africa

It is always a privilege to be able to welcome a Master of Wine to present to us at the Whitewater Valley Wine Society.

This month we welcome Richard Kelley, MW, who is Director of fine wine importers Dreyfus Ashby.

The company can trace its roots back to 1936 and Richard took over the helm in 2014. They specialise in seeking out and bringing new winemaking talent to the market. They pioneer the unknown and champion the unfashionable.

Dreyfus Ashby has a focus on South Africa and it is the wines from this country which Richard will present to us. There are some fantastic, innovative winemakers making excellent wine in South Africa. So it's no surprise that this is a region which is very popular with our members.

The evening's tasting will include both white and red wines.

I look forward to receiving your bookings.

More about Richard Kelley...



Richard became a Master of Wine in 1995. The subject for his dissertation was 'The importance of temperature in red wine making', which led him to visit South Africa for the first time, in search of a New World perspective. He fell in love with the country.

He soon met Rebekah, a fellow Brit, at a Champagne tasting in Cape Town and they were married at Boekenhoutskloof in October 1998.

Richard spent most of the next 10 years working in South Africa. He worked for Vinimark, the largest independent wine wholesaler in South Africa, developing international markets. He represented the interests of both Robertson Winery and a new and completely unknown wine farm in Franschhoek called Boekenhoutskloof.

Whitewater Valley Wine Society: Wine tasting in North Hampshire for over 30 years

Secretary: 07976 272822

If you want to learn more about how to taste wine.....

As a Society, our main objective is to promote wine education through our tastings and events.

We are very aware that some of our members may be less experienced in wine tasting and may therefore require a little more explanation about how to smell and taste wines.

So if you are interested in joining a small informal group for a couple of hours one evening to learn more about how to taste wines, then please let Secretary Keith Cooper know. We will then agree a date on which we can get together.

The venue will be the Secretary's house and there will be a minimal charge to cover the wines tasted.

2018/19 Tastings

You can read the latest information about our tastings on our website

Wednesday 12th September	Robbie Rugman, Gallo Winery: California
Wednesday 10th October	Alun Griffiths, MW: Burgundy
Wednesday 14th November	Nick Oakley, Oakley Wine Agencies: Portugal/Spain
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas tasting
Wednesday 9th January	Simon Taylor, Stone Vine & Sun: Argentina/Chile
Wednesday 13th February	Jim King & Keith Cooper: Wine Gems



Stairway to heaven!

Observant members will have noticed that the steps up to The Raven's Conference Suite are now open again and a new handrail has been installed.

Your Society's committee had been concerned about the absence of a handrail, especially in winter weather when the steps can be icy.

We therefore asked The Raven to install a handrail and they have now done this.

So, please use the new handrail!

Report on our June tasting

Victor Maguire

We welcomed wine educator Victor Maguire, who presented his selection of wines from Bordeaux.

Victor's talk was very informative and we enjoyed 8 wines which represented the many styles of wine from Bordeaux.



You can read a full report of this tasting on the Newsletter page of our website:

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