



Whitewater Valley Wine Society January 2017

www.whitewaterwine.org.uk

Next Tasting: Wednesday 11th January 2017

Venue: The Raven Hotel, Hook, RG27 9HS

Welcome drink from 7.45pm

Tasting starts at 8pm. Finish approx 10pm.

Cost £15 members, £18 non-members

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

Bookings are strictly for fully paid up members only until Thursday 5th January, on a first come, first served basis. Bookings will be accepted from both members and guests from Friday 6th January, assuming places remain available.

Tim Syrad

**Wine Educator, Entertainer and
Wine Tour Organiser**

The wines of Sicily, Italy

Your Society's Chair Margaret and Secretary Keith know Tim Syrad very well. We enjoyed the most splendid wine tour with him in the Piedmont region of Italy last May, even if Liz did manage to break her arm in a winery!

So it's an absolute pleasure to be able to welcome Tim to present a tasting of wines from Sicily. We know you will enjoy experiencing his passion and knowledge of wine, gained through over 20 years involvement in the wine industry.

Tim is involved in so many wine related activities, I think he must have a double! As well as organising a full programme of wine tours around the world, he also runs and presents at three wine clubs in the London area. And he manages to fit in many corporate engagements as well!

Tim knows the wines of Sicily very well. The Italian island has deservedly won a top class reputation



for its wines. Our tasting will feature both white and red wines, exploring the extraordinary diversity of wines grown on this Mediterranean island.

Tim will definitely be showing wines from Donnafugata, one of Sicily's top wine estates, pictured below. There will be wines from the excellent wineries on the slopes of Mount Etna. And Tim will slot in a Marsala from Curatolo Arini.

Come along and enjoy!



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

Secretary: 07976 272822

**Bookings now
open to both
members and
guests!**



**Just £55 for
members
and their
partners!**

The Whitewater Valley Wine Society's 30th Anniversary Dinner

**at the
Elvetham Hotel, Hartley Wintney
Friday 7th April 2017**

Our Society celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2017, so this will be a very special year for us all. Our main event of the year will be our Anniversary Dinner, which will be held on Friday 7th April 2017. This will be a black tie dinner at the prestigious Elvetham Hotel in Hartley Wintney. Elvetham Hotel is a stunning, privately owned estate, set in 35 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds.

We want as many members as possible to be able to join together for this celebration dinner. So we have decided to offer all members and a partner a subsidy of £10, bringing the price down to a bargain £55! This includes a welcome drink on arrival, a four course dinner and several glasses of wine. Other guests are welcome to attend at the normal price of £65.

Bookings are now open to both members and guests. Please see the separate flyer for full details, including how to book.

Society Annual General Meeting

Our tasting on 8th February 2017 will be preceded at 8pm by a brief AGM. This is expected to last about 15-20 minutes. The AGM documentation (agenda, previous year's minutes, annual accounts and committee nomination papers) will be circulated with the February newsletter. This documentation will also be available from late January on the Members Area page of our website at <http://www.whitewaterwine.org.uk/index.php/members-area>

Report on our December tasting

Society Members' Favourite Wines

We'd like to thank our eight willing volunteers who each presented a wine at our pre-Christmas tasting.

Our thanks also to Valerie Richardson for coordinating the evening. It was a fun evening!

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

www.whitewaterwine.org.uk

Dates for future tastings and events

Wednesday 8th February	Jim & Keith present their New World selection
Wednesday 8th March	Tim North, Joie du Vin Loire Valley wines
Friday 7th April	Society's 30th Anniversary Dinner at Elvetham Hotel
Wednesday 12th April	To be advised
Wednesday 10th May	Simon Hawkins Fine English Wines