



Whitewater Valley Wine Society May 2017

www.whitewaterwine.org.uk

Next Tasting: Wednesday 10th May 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 May 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 4th May, on a first come, first served basis. Bookings will be accepted from both members and guests from Friday 5th May, assuming places remain available.

Simon & James Hawkins

Hawkins Bros. Fine English Wines

English Wines

English wine has been an incredible success story over the last decade. There are now over 600 vineyards in England, with production set to double in the next two years. England's winemakers produce world-beating sparkling wines and their still wines are increasingly winning awards at international competitions with an emerging, unique, "English style" of wine.

In the last few months, English wines have taken off in the USA, with New York City's enthusiastic sparkling wine consumers embracing the latest wines from our country. And British Airways have just announced that they are to start serving English wines to their first class passengers.

The Hawkins Bros. are champions of this new wave of high quality winemakers. Simon and James have grown up in the heart of the English wine growing region and are passionate about English wines. They sell English wines exclusively from their shop, based in the Surrey town



of Milford. Their portfolio includes wines from 15 different English vineyards, thus including the whole spectrum of wine styles produced. They also make their own Brut Reserve sparkling wine.

This month sees the start of English Wine Week. So it's very appropriate for our Society to welcome both Simon & James Hawkins to present our tasting. Their pick of English wines will include sparkling, white, rose and red. Some of the wines will be from the just released 2016 vintage, so you'll be amongst the first to try them.

This promises to be a most interesting tasting and I look forward to receiving your bookings.

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

Secretary: 07976 272822



We celebrated our 30th anniversary in style!

On Friday 7th April, about 50 members and guests gathered at Elvetham Hotel to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Society.

Throughout the whole evening there was a great buzz in the air as members enjoyed the food, the wine and the atmosphere. It was nearly midnight by the time most of us were ready to leave. As we left, we knew the evening had been very special. It had been a fitting way to celebrate 30 years of the Whitewater Valley Wine Society.

We extend our sincere thanks to our guest speaker Robin McMillan, Chief Executive of The Wine Society. We were privileged to be able to enjoy his company and to hear him speak.

You can read a full report on our anniversary dinner, including a list of the wines tasted, on the Newsletter page of our website:

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Dates for future tastings and events

Wednesday 14th June	Chris Horridge. South Africa
Wednesday 12th July	Sarah Ahmed, The Wine Detective. Portugal
Sunday 20th August	Summer BBQ —see separate flyer for details
Wednesday 13th September	Tom Ellis, First Class Products. Cabernet/Shiraz

***Society
Special Events
in 2017***

**Sunday 20th August
(From 5pm)**

Summer BBQ

See separate flyer for details

**Saturday 21st October
*Fine Wine Experience***



Our popular evening of fine wines takes on a new look this year. Our Fine Wine Experience will be presented by The Vinorium, one of the UK's specialist fine wine merchants.

Put the date in your diary now!

Report on our April tasting

Wines of New Zealand

In April, we welcomed Chris White of Ellis Wines, who presented a tasting of wines from New Zealand.



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