



# Whitewater Valley Wine Society January 2019

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**Next Tasting: Wednesday 9th January 2019**

**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](mailto:kcooper.medlar@btinternet.com)

Bookings are strictly for fully paid up members only until Thursday 3rd January, on a first come, first served basis. Bookings will be accepted from both members and guests from Friday 4th January, assuming places remain available.

## Artisan Winemakers of the Mediterranean

### Serhat Narsap, Sonvino

We start 2019 by welcoming Serhat Narsap, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Sonvino, who is visiting our Society for the first time.

Sonvino is one of the youngest independent wine merchants in the UK, having been set up by Narsap in 2015. His team travel to far flung destinations to meet local artisan winemakers, who put their life and soul into making small quantities of excellent quality wines.

At the moment, Sonvino imports wine from boutique producers in Portugal, Spain, Italy and Turkey.

We'll be tasting wines from all four of these countries and the selection will include both white and red wines.

This evening will be a great opportunity to explore the wines made by these artisan winemakers. I look forward to receiving your bookings.

### More about Serhat Narsap.....



Born in Istanbul, lived in three continents, Serhat came to London in 2002 to work for the construction of UK's first high speed rail. After a successful career as an engineer, Serhat continues to follow his passion in wine.

He is a life time student, learning languages and social anthropology and is currently a student at the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. Serhat speaks English, Turkish, French, Italian, Spanish and Arabic fluently.

His inspiration for Sonvino was a lovely monastery in the mountains of Kutaisi, Georgia in 2011. He fell in love with home made Georgian wines presented in clay pots. Serhat was inspired by the priests making eclectic wines using traditional methods.

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

**Secretary: 07976 272822**

### ***Report on our Christmas tasting***

#### ***Presented by members of our Society***

*This was a most successful evening, a full house. Our grateful thanks go to Nesta for its planning and execution and to all presenters for their selection and willingness to share some of their favourite wines. The evening continued with chatter and some extras for those walking home...a glug of Port or Madeira*

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

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## ***2019 Tastings***

***You can read the latest information about our tastings***

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| Wednesday<br>13th February | Jim King & Keith Cooper:<br>New World Wine Gems    |
| Wednesday<br>13th March    | Simon Taylor, Stone Vine<br>& Sun: Argentina/Chile |
| Wednesday<br>10th April    | Nick Oakley: Portugal<br>(Azores) & NW Spain       |
| Wednesday<br>8th May       | More details soon!                                 |
| Wednesday<br>12th June     | Jo Locke, Master of Wine:<br>South Africa          |

## ***Notice of Annual General Meeting***

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at our usual venue, The Raven Hotel. The AGM is expected to last about 15-20 minutes and will be followed by a tasting of new world wines presented by our own Society members Jim King and Keith Cooper.

Nomination Papers for Officers and Committee Members will be circulated with the February newsletter or you can request a Nomination Paper by contacting the Secretary, Keith Cooper. If think you might be willing to join our committee, please first talk to your Chairperson, Margaret Steer, on 07534 247083 or e-mail her at [margaretsteer1@gmail.com](mailto:margaretsteer1@gmail.com)

All Officers and Committee members must be proposed and seconded by other members.

***Members'  
priority booking  
ends 4<sup>th</sup> January !***



## ***Society Dinner and overnight stay at the Donnington Valley Hotel and Spa Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th April 2019***

***Same price as last year! New this year: Choice of starter, main and dessert!***

***See our website or the attached flyer for more details!***