

# U3A ST AUSTELL WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

## APRIL NEWSLETTER



Dear Fellow Wine Members

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter bank holiday weekend and made the most of the lovely weather.

There was a good turn out to the Wine Store in Charlestown last week for a tasting of 6 wines, 3 white and 3 red from different regions of Italy. Gina the Sommelier, gave many interesting facts and figures on the wines and producers and even explained the wine classification system in Italy. The wines were served alongside a good selection of tapas style dishes to match, and from feedback I think everyone enjoyed the evening. Many of the members took pleasure in filling out their wine tasting notes sheet, and intend keeping them on file for future reference. With this in mind, I attach a blank wine tasting note sheet and if you wish, to print out and bring along to every tasting. At the end of the year, it is good to look back and see the variety of wines you have tasted and enjoyed (or not!), and for our members who are new to wine appreciation, the notes give names and types of grapes to look out for when shopping for a bottle of wine.

Our May meeting approaches, as well as some reminders for deadlines to book our two visits to vineyards later in the year, details of which were in the March newsletter.

## **Reminders for deadlines**

Deposits now required (April 30<sup>th</sup>) to secure our booking with the venues. Both these tours will be a very interesting visit and offer excellent value for money.

Firstly Knightor Winery on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Private vineyard tour, tasting and lunch. £25 per head.

**£10pp deposit payable now on booking.**

Secondly, Polgoon Vineyard 6<sup>th</sup> September by coach, private vineyard tour & tasting £12.50 per head plus coach fare tba when numbers confirmed.

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To secure your place for either or both visits, please pay Shirley Salliss at the coffee morning this Friday or at the very latest, at the one prior to the Speaker on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please email Shirley at [Shirley.salliss@btinternet.com](mailto:Shirley.salliss@btinternet.com) to let her know you will be booking, so that we can confirm numbers.

## **May Tasting Meeting, Arts Centre, St Austell 6pm**

The May wine tasting is a members' pick of 4 Pinot Noir grape wines, across different countries and price points. Our two Wine Buyers (thank you) will brief our 4 volunteer presenters on the wines, and the volunteers will do as much research as possible as to the wine producer, region and any other interesting facts. We will not advise price until the end of the evening. It will be fun for everyone to give their own tasting comments, and I am sure we will have a completely diverse matter of opinion on each wine. At the end of the meeting we can vote on our favourite wine of the night. Val Sands is kindly providing the food for the evening, but we will need a volunteer for the June meeting please.

*Reminder to everyone to bring your tasting glasses!*

Regards

Amanda