



## **Institute of Masters of Wine Annual Burgundy Tasting (2007 Vintage)**

*London, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010*

The Institute of Masters of Wine will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Burgundy Tasting at Vintners' Hall in the City of London on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The walk-around tasting, first held in 1997, has become a key event in the Institute's calendar. It provides a first class opportunity to assess objectively both white and red wines from some of the region's finest producers.

Since its inception, this annual tasting has been organised by the Institute in association with the Domaines Familiaux de Tradition, a group of family-owned producers from some of the most highly respected domaines in the Cote d'Or. The wines of the Domaines Familiaux de Tradition reflect the different terroirs of Burgundy and highlight the levels of quality achievable in each vintage.

The event will feature almost 70 individual wines from the 2007 vintage and takes place from 10am to 1pm on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Members of the Domaines Familiaux de Tradition whose 2007 wines will feature at the tasting include: Marquis d'Angerville; Simon Bize; Chandon de Briailles; Bruno Clair; Joseph Drouhin; Domaine Dujac; Domaine Faiveley; Henri Gouges; Jean Grivot; Michel Lafarge; Dominique Lafon; Bonneau du Martray; Hubert de Montille; Armand Rousseau; Tollot-Beaut et Fils; Chateau de la Tour; Chateau de Chorey; Senard; De Suremain; Leflaive; Mugnier; Pierre Moray; Roumier; Gaunoux; and Jean-Louis Trapet.

In addition to the Domaines Familiaux de Tradition producers listed above, Maison Louis Jadot, a major supporter of the Institute, has provided samples of its 2007 wines for the tasting.

In assessments to date, the 2007 vintage is generally accepted to be a fine year for whites, producing wines with great ageing potential which are exemplified by ripeness of fruit and crisp, refreshing acidity. The red wines have shown more variability with an accepted view that many wines will be ready to drink at an early age, delivering good levels of fruit and some lighter tannins but carrying none of the exotic richness of 2005, nor the classic structure of 2006.

Mark Bingley MW, Chair of the Institute's Events Committee said: "This tasting provides an excellent overview of the vintage due to its timing, as the 2007 wines have now settled in bottle. It has become the must attend annual tasting for Masters of Wine, our students, and members of the wine trade with a serious interest in Burgundy. The range of wines offered in the tasting, through the generous support of the members of the Domaines Familiaux de Tradition and Maison Louis Jadot, is very important it allows those attending to gain the fullest impression of the characteristics and quality of the vintage."

A limited number of tickets remain available for the tasting, which is open to the public. Priced at £80 each, they must be pre-booked by contacting Helen Williams, Events Manager at the Institute, by email on [hwilliams@mastersofwine.org](mailto:hwilliams@mastersofwine.org) or by telephoning +44 (0)207 621 2830.

The Institute of Masters of Wine is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting excellence in the wine trade. It was founded in 1955 and its membership today comprises 279 Masters of Wine (MWs) based in 22 countries. More than 240 students from 24 countries are currently studying for the Master of Wine qualification which is globally recognised as the highest achievement in the wine industry.

Every year and around the world the Institute hosts tastings, seminars and visits to wine producing regions which offer unparalleled opportunities for professional development. Although primarily intended for Masters of Wine, students of the Institute and wine trade professionals, most of the Institute's tastings and seminars now offer a limited number of spaces for members of the public with a serious interest in fine wine.

**Event:** Institute of Masters of Wine Annual Burgundy Tasting (2007 Vintage)  
**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010, 10am to 1pm  
**Venue:** Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3BG  
**Booking:** Tickets are priced at £80 each and must be booked in advance via the Institute of Masters of Wine. See the Events section at [www.mastersofwine.org](http://www.mastersofwine.org) for further information and booking.

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#### **About the Institute of Masters of Wine:**

- Founded in 1955, The Institute of Masters of Wine (IMW) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting excellence in the wine trade.
- The IMW has 279 members (Masters of Wine, normally abbreviated to MW after a member's name), based in 22 countries.
- The IMW's education programme encourages a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding wine and communicating that knowledge at the highest level. The IMW holds annual study seminars in Napa Valley, USA; Adelaide, Australia; and Rust, Austria. More than 240 students from 24 countries are currently engaged in the IMW's education programme.
- The annual examinations take place in London, Napa and Sydney, over a four-day period. There are three practical papers, each with 12 wines. Candidates are required to blind taste and identify wines of varying quality levels and origins. In four theory papers, candidates need to demonstrate, through essays, knowledge of a wide range of subjects including winemaking, grape growing, business and social issues. Students also write a 10,000-word dissertation on a subject of their choice. Only after passing all parts of the examination can someone be admitted to the IMW and use the title Master of Wine/MW.
- The IMW also organises annual events of professional interest to the global wine trade, including an international symposium every four years. The next symposium,

*Forging Links*, takes place from 24 to 27 June 2010 in Bordeaux – see [www.mwsymposium.com](http://www.mwsymposium.com) for further information.

- More information about the Institute and its activities, including full biographies and contact details of MWs, can be found at the IMW's [www.mastersofwine.org](http://www.mastersofwine.org) website.