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Institute to Host Australian Shiraz Seminar

Australian shiraz will be the focus for a seminar organised by the Institute of Masters of Wine in London in September.

The event, moderated by Sally Easton MW, will explore the myriad styles and expressions of this single variety which can be found in Australia.

The Institute has assembled a panel of shiraz experts from Australia for the event, including Julian Castagna of Castagna in Victoria, John Duval of John Duval Wines in the Barossa Valley, Prue Henschke of Henschke Wines in South Australia, Tim Kirk of Clonakilla in Canberra District, and Ron Laughton of Jasper Hill in Heathcote, Victoria. They will share their wisdom and insights as they explore the Barossa Valley heartland of Australian shiraz and the subsequent migration of the variety to other regions. Different regional character traits will be discussed and stylistic variation analysed.

The panellists will each present an older and younger vintage of their chosen wine to highlight ageing capacity.

As well as the panellists' own regions, other areas which will be represented include Adelaide Hills, Denmark, Hunter Valley, McLaren Vale, Mornington Peninsula and the Yarra Valley.

Sally Easton MW said: "Australian shiraz possibly provides the most complex category of different styles and expressions from a single grape in any one country. This seminar is a rare opportunity to taste established Barossa icons together with exciting new stars from other regions."

The seminar will run from 9.45am to 12.30pm at Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street, London, on Monday 12 September 2011. Tickets are priced at £62.50 each. Further information and booking in the Events section of the Institute's www.mastersofwine.org website.

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Master of Wine is internationally recognised as the foremost title in the world of wine. The qualification, established in 1953, is today held by professionals across the international wine community who have demonstrated both theoretical knowledge and practical ability in the art, science and business of wine and who are committed to professional excellence.

It is membership of the Institute of Masters of Wine and abiding by its Code of Conduct, not only passing the Masters of Wine Examination, which confers the right to use the title Master of Wine.

A Master of Wine is someone who has demonstrated, by way of rigorous examination, a thorough knowledge of all aspects of wine and an ability to communicate that knowledge clearly. They actively encourage others in the pursuit of knowledge as well as seeking to bring wine communities together.

The Institute's vision is one of knowledge and integrity. Through its members – the international community of 289 Masters of Wine – and its activities, it promotes excellence, interaction and learning, across all sectors of the global wine community.

In keeping with its original aims, the Institute promotes a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding wine at the highest level. It also organises and contributes to wine trade events around the world. Annual visits are made to wine producing regions whilst the Institute's annual tasting and master class programme provides an independent and authoritative perspective on wine. Every four years, its international symposium brings together leading figures from the wine community to address topical issues in an independent forum.

For more information on the Institute see its www.mastersofwine.org website.