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CHAMPAGNE  
**TAITTINGER**  
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### **Taittinger Comtes de Champagne Master Class in December**

A vertical tasting of seven vintages of Taittinger's Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs will form the centrepiece for the Institute's annual Champagne master class in early December.

The Institute's final event of the year will see Champagne Taittinger present vintages from 2002- a preview of the yet to be released vintage of their prestige cuvée – back to 1990. Nine wines will be shown in total.

The master class will be presented by Taittinger's President, Pierre Emmanuel Taittinger, Damien Le Sueur, Deputy General Manager, and the Chef de Caves, Loic Dupont. Moderation will be provided by Nancy Gilchrist MW, of the Institute's Events Committee.

The master class will run from 10am to 1pm on 2 December 2011 at Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street, London. Tickets are priced at £75 each (MW and Institute student discounts apply).

Mark Bingley MW, Chairman of the Institute's Events Committee, said: "We look forward to welcoming Pierre Emmanuel Taittinger and his colleagues to London for what promises to be a superb master class. The event will afford attendees the opportunity to gain insight to the house style, the family's philosophy and experience a rare vertical tasting of its prestige cuvée."

Pierre Emmanuel Taittinger said: "We are delighted to present a vertical going back to 1990 of our top Champagne, Comtes de Champagne. This is a unique and exceptional opportunity for us and we look forward to sharing this in-depth tasting with such an experienced group in our number one export market."

To book tickets for this event please see the Events section of the Institute's [www.mastersofwine.org](http://www.mastersofwine.org) website or email [nanderson@mastersofwine.org](mailto:nanderson@mastersofwine.org).

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## **Notes to Editors:**

- The following vintages of Comtes de Champagne Blanc de Blancs will be tasted: 1990, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002.
- This is the first time in over a decade that such a vertical has been tasted in the UK.
- Champagne Taittinger remains one of the few leading Champagne houses to remain owned and actively managed by the family named on the label.

## **The Institute of Masters of Wine**

Master of Wine is internationally recognised as the foremost title in the world of wine. It was established in 1953 and 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 or its abbreviated, post-nominal form MW.

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 299 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 seminar 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](http://www.mastersofwine.org) website.