



## **SEVEN NEW MASTERS OF WINE, INCLUDING TWO AUSTRALIANS**

### **FIRST SWEDISH MASTER OF WINE**

### **FIRST MASTER OF WINE FROM WESTERN CANADA**

#### **2007 EXAMINATION RESULTS**

LONDON: 7 September 2007 – The Institute of Masters of Wine is delighted to announce the results of the 2007 Examination. Seven candidates have now completed all parts of the Examination, and become Masters of Wine. They are:

**Craig Drummond**, 56, is a partner in Garland Wines in Mount Barker, Western Australia. He is also a general medical practitioner.

**David Le Mire**, 36, owns Pronto Vino, a brand management consultancy and wine education services for winery clients. David lives in South Australia.

**Peter Mitchell**, 35, sells wine to the restaurant trade for Laytons Wine Merchants in the UK

**Pierpaolo Petrassi**, 42, is English. He is currently Wine Buying Director at WaverleyTBS, and from 1<sup>st</sup> October will be Senior Product Development Manager at Tesco, responsible for Australia, New Zealand and Italy.

**Barbara Philip**, 41, is the first female Master of Wine from Canada, and the first from Western Canada. She is a senior instructor and department head for the International Sommelier Guild.

**Greg Sherwood**, 35, is the general manager of fine wines for London wine merchant Handford Wines, owned by James Handford MW. A South African native, Greg now lives in the UK.

**Ulf Sjodin**, 41, is the first Master of Wine from Sweden, and is the Marketing Manager for V&S wine in Stockholm

Highlights of the results of the Theory and Practical Examinations:

- a total of 25 candidates achieved a pass in at least part of the examination.
- there were 20 theory passes and seven practical passes.
- a further two candidates achieved a conditional pass in the Theory exam, and thus have only one theory paper to sit next year.
- four candidates achieved significant success by passing both parts of the written examination, and will now be going on to prepare a dissertation. Three of these candidates were sitting their first attempt at the examination.
- twelve candidates have now passed both parts of the closed book examination, and now only have the dissertation to complete.

The passes this year once again demonstrate the growing internationalisation of the Institute, with success not only from the **UK**, the **USA** and **Australia**, but also from **Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, and Sweden**.

Joanna M Locke MW, Chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine, said, “These results are a considerable achievement, and I congratulate all of our students and educators in their success.

“While all of us at the Institute would have hoped for a higher number of passes in the Practical section of the Exam, the strong Theory passes represent very good news, particularly the number of candidates passing the Theory exam whose first language is not English.”

“I have great particular pleasure in welcoming the seven new Masters of Wine to the Institute. I am also delighted that the international reach of the Institute continues to grow. Last year we saw our first Finnish MW, and we now have our first Master of Wine from Sweden, Ulf Sjodin MW.

All new Masters of Wine will be presented with their certificates by the Master of the Vintners' Company at the Institute's Annual Reception and Awards Ceremony on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 in Vintners' Hall, London.

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## Notes for Editors:

The Master of Wine qualification is achieved by passing three examinations:

- a Theory examination which comprises four three-hour question papers on viticulture, winemaking, the business of wine and contemporary issues relating to the wine industry
- a Practical examination which comprises three 12-wine blind tastings of a range of international wines which are assessed for variety, origin, quality and style
- a 10,000 word Dissertation on a subject selected by the candidate, relevant to the international wine industry

Candidates are required to pass all three parts of the examination, to sign a Code of Conduct and to join the Institute of Masters of Wine before achieving and using the qualification. Including the new MWs, there are now 265 Masters of Wine from 22 different countries:

<b>Continent</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Continent</b>	<b>No.</b>
<i><b>Australasia</b></i>		<i><b>Europe</b></i>	
Australia	16	Austria	1
New Zealand	<u>8</u>	Belgium	2
	24	England	178
		Finland	1
<i><b>North America</b></i>		France	15
Bermuda	1	Germany	3
Canada	2	Greece	1
USA	<u>24</u>	Ireland	4
	27	Netherlands	1
		Norway	1
<i><b>South America</b></i>		Scotland	2
Chile	1	Spain	1
		Sweden	1
<i><b>Africa</b></i>		Switzerland	<u>1</u>
South Africa	1		212