



# The Wine Society Dining Club

May 2019

Dear Member

You will find enclosed the formal notice regarding the Annual General Meeting and there is one aspect of the agenda on which I should like to expand.

We always ask for nominations for membership of the Committee as there are two vacancies each year under the rules. Historically there have not always been sufficient nominations and the Committee has sometimes had to fill vacancies by co-option. However, volunteers are appreciated and I thought it might help if I set out some information about what Committee members do.

There are five or six Committee meetings a year, currently held at around 6pm in the centre of London, lasting until about 8pm. We start with a small tasting of wines (usually six) that are appropriate to a future event being considered. Each Committee member takes it in turn to arrange these tastings – choosing and buying the wines, the cost being reimbursed. The Committee discussion centres on events, with members both commenting on recent events and suggesting themes, locations, speakers, etc for future events. Other regular subjects are the accounts and the consideration of suitable wines for purchase to add to the Club's reserves.

Apart from these meetings, Committee members' main responsibility is to attend a reasonable number of the dinners and tastings during the year and to assist in the organisation on the evening. You will have seen that Committee members man most of the tables at tastings but will not have seen that some Committee members arrive early for dinners and assist with "double decanting" the wines. The Committee members are spread around the room at dinners so that we can act as a conduit for comments by members on the evening – or indeed on what the Club should be doing in future.

Finally I should mention that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are all elected by the Committee from amongst its members, so a willingness to be considered for further office in due course would also be appreciated.

If you would consider standing for election to the Committee and would like to discuss this further, please email me [chairman@wsdc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@wsdc.org.uk) either to initiate a discussion by email or to arrange a time to speak by telephone. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website or requested from the Assistant Secretary and must be returned to the Assistant Secretary by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

Yours sincerely

George Jeffrey  
Chairman