



The Wine Society Dining Club



The Club was founded in 1950 by members of The Wine Society to arrange tastings of wines from The Society and elsewhere, and dinners at which fine wines could be enjoyed after maturing in the Club's cellar.

The emphasis at tastings and dinners is on the enjoyment of carefully selected fine wines. All events are held in central London, usually at a Livery Hall or a London club. Only minimal knowledge of wine is required as the intention of the founders of the Club was to provide an opportunity to experience the pleasure of wine with food. At the same time, the Club could be of particular interest to members of The Society who wish to develop a knowledge and appreciation of fine wines. Guests are welcome.

TASTINGS

Each year the Club holds tastings on particular themes, normally based on individual wine making areas or grape varieties, and ranging from medium quality to good classed growths. Some tastings are tutored, providing members with the opportunity to hear the opinions of an expert. Other tastings are more informal, enabling members to discuss the wines with each other.

DINNERS

The Club holds four dinners each year with about 120 members and guests attending each one. Three courses, an aperitif, four fine wines and a dessert wine, Cognac or vintage Port are shown.

At each dinner there is an expert guest speaker who gives an informative short talk about the wines of the evening. These

dinners are marked by an atmosphere of friendliness and the matching of good food to fine wines. They also provide an excellent opportunity to entertain guests.

RESERVES

The Club's Reserve currently has a stock of about 275 dozen wines. The Club holds many mature top-quality Clarets and Burgundies along with top Rhones, Sauternes and Ports in our cellars. For our dinners and tastings, we withdraw some of these mature wines, replacing them with younger wines for future consumption. Our members therefore benefit through lower ticket prices from the Club's purchasing policy over the last 30 years.

COSTS

The first year's subscription is £70. Thereafter, there is an annual subscription of £50 to cover administration and communication costs. Current charges: tastings about £30-£50, dinners about £120-£180 inclusive of wine. Guest rates are about £10 or so more.





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You are invited to apply if you like food and wine and you're a member of The Wine Society. Because we are a Club, members have to be proposed and elected. However, if you do not know a member who will propose you, the Honorary Secretary can help you find one. Elections are made six times a year.

YOUR DETAILS

TITLE.....

SURNAME.....

FIRST NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

WINE SOCIETY SHARE NUMBER.....

OCCUPATION.....

SIGNATURE.....

Those prospective members who would like to experience what we do before applying for membership are invited to attend, with one guest if they wish, either a tasting or a dinner at the members' rate.

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APPLICATION

PLEASE CHOOSE OPTION 1 OR 2
and tick boxes as appropriate

1. I would like to apply for Club membership now

.....
THE NAME OF MY PROPOSER

.....
PROPOSER'S SIGNATURE

I do not know a member of the Club

OR

2. Before committing myself, I would like to attend

The next tasting

or

(please send me details)

The next dinner

Post the completed application form to Assistant Secretary:
Jo Ryan, 28 Stanhope Road, London N6 5NG. Or email a scan
of the signed application form to assistantsecretary@wsdc.org.uk
(tel: 020 8348 9173).

If you wish to join now, please include a cheque in the amount
of £70 made payable to the Wine Society Dining Club or contact
the Assistant Secretary for the Club's bank details in order to
pay by bank transfer.

More information about the Club can be found at
www.wsdc.org.uk

WINE TOURS

In the 1980s, the Club began a series of highly successful wine tours during which it has visited producers in the Loire, Bordeaux, Champagne, Burgundy, Portugal, the Rhone, Alsace, the Mosel and northern Italy. The tours, which are held in alternate years, enable members to meet growers who supply The Wine Society, to sample their wines and to enjoy the traditional food and hospitality of the region.



DINING CLUB FEATURES

- Friendly, social events in attractive venues
- Good food appropriate to each dinner's wine theme
- Six excellent wines at each dinner
- Wines from the Club's own reserve
- An expert speaker at most events
- An opportunity for entertaining family or friends in style
- A chance to visit growers in their own surroundings