

TASTING OF TOP SELECTION WINES AT 67 PALL MALL.

Champagne Brice Fetizon Brut.

Lovely pale gold, fine tiny bubbles, red grapes dominate the nose but not too assertively, quite creamy and smooth texture on the palate the bubbles supporting the flavour, very good, typically Bouzy finish. 91/100.

Schatzle ReinSchiefer Riesling 2013 Hans Peter Keller Rheinhessen.

Lemon gold colour, quite broad yellow fruits on the nose with some spice, fine stoniness on the palate from red slate and one can sense the warmth this generates, lovely texture and flavour and more vineyard than varietal, superb acidity on the finish, a very fine wine "bien dans sa peau". 92/100.

Kritt Pinot Blanc 2012 Remy Gresser, Andlau.

Fine lemon yellow, fresh pear and white summer fruits on the nose, direct but discreet Pinot Blanc, lovely fruit expression on the palate with acidity to lift the finish, still very fresh for 2012. 90/100.

Kanta Riesling 2012, Egon Muller, Adelaide Hills.

Lemon gold with fresh green tints, quite ripe Riesling nose, broad yet fresh, quite robust on the palate with good acidity very vineyard influenced, still mid-way young to mature and will develop much more complexity 2017-22. 92/100.

Santenay "Les Hates" 2014 Lequin-Colin.

Lemon-yellow, pale and fresh, white flowers on the nose, elegant for Santenay, fine expression of fruit on the palate with good verticality and minerality, very good nicely "modern" white Burgundy. 90/100.

Chassagne-Montrachet "Les Charrieres" 2013 Lequin-Colin.

Lovely lemon yellow, yellow fruits and greengage plums on the nose showing both ripeness and natural acidity, fine expressive fruit on the palate, lots of energy, a very good vineyard wine, not 1er Cru but with good individuality and grip. 91/100.

Pommard "Les Vaumuriens" 2012 Guy & Yvan Dufouler.

Fresh and young mid red, well-expressed Pommard with some elegance, quite dry on the palate, good purity and balance. 90/100.

Vosne-Romanee 2013 David Duband.

Fine deep red, really lovely nose with great purity, has all the quality of Vosne-Romanee on the palate and outstanding for a villages. 91/100.

Rioja 100 2013 Bodegas Aldonia.

Fine fresh mid red, very attractive nose of fresh red fruits with good lift from high elevation vines, polished and natural on the palate, great purity of fruit and lovely acidity, elegant for Grenache, full of natural energy. 2016-23. 93/100.

Rubus 2014 Jesus Romero.

Very deep red, spicy black cherries on the nose, briary autumnal blackberry fruit, warm and broad on the palate, the very high vineyard (980 metres, the highest in Europe) gives it a Burgundy finesse on the finish. 2016-19. 91/100.

Saint-Joseph 2013 Christophe Curtat.

Fine deep red, lovely red fruits nose, wild roses and a touch of spice, nice purity on the palate, lovely balance showing the masculinity of St-Joseph and the femininity of Cote-Rotie, both rich and refined on the finish. 2016-20. 92/100.

Priorat Gratavinum 2PR 2010 Pares Balta.

Bright rich red, black fruits on the nose with lots of energy, wonderfully earthy vineyard fruit, natural vigour, really good length and depth. 2016-22. 93/100.