

DEROUET JAMESON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

A CALL MY WINE BLUFF EVENING

HELD AT VINTNERS' HALL

WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2016

The trustees of the Derouet Jameson Memorial Foundation were delighted to put on an evening event, by kind permission of the Master and Wardens of the Vintners' Company, in Vintners' Hall in order to raise money for the Foundation.

We were very lucky that Pol Roger kindly provided the Champagne for the reception in the Drawing Room before the fun and games began in the Hall. This was a very generous donation and got the evening off to a fine start.

We were delighted that we had 9 teams, some of 8 and some of 6 or 3 people, competing for various prizes, kindly donated by generous friends of the Foundation.

The Teams were named appropriately for the evening and were as follows:

Table 1. Premier Cru.

Table 2. Bring Your Own (BYO)

Table 3. Eastern Promise,

Table 4. Dutch Courage*

Table 5. The Corkers.

Table 6. Simply Red

Table 7. Battersea Bacchanalians.

Table 8. Bermondsey Boozers*

Table 9. Grape Expectations.*

In addition, in order to make it fun for all, those teams that were made up with a majority of their members working in the Wine Trade were identified as such and prizes were awarded accordingly. The teams with an asterisk are Wine Trade.

The idea of the evening was as follows.

In all there were 4 wines presented throughout the event and each wine was tasted individually. Whilst tasting each wine, we had organised for 3 people, identified as a 'Bluffer' to each give their description of the wine being tasted. The object was for the TABLE to come up with the correct description.

Our Bluffers were carefully selected and

Bluffer A was our very own Hon Secretary and Master of Wine, Alastair Peebles.

Bluffer B, very senior in the Vintners' Company as the Swan Warden, was Nick Arkell

Bluffer C, Ian Harris, and as well as being a generous donor, is the Chief Executive of the Wine and Spirit Education Trust.

There were other questions that needed answering by each table and they were asked to identify the vintage and the Retail selling price. The latter caused a few interesting responses!

After we had completed the second wine, there was a slight break when the MC for the evening, Edward Demery, organised a 'True or False' game. He read out a simple statement about wine and everyone was asked to stand and if they thought that it was a true statement then they put their hands on their head. If they thought it to be false they put their hands on their backside. If incorrect then they sat down and were out of the game. This continued until we found a winner of the magnificent prize of a decanter donated by the Vintners' Company. As each team member had been asked to contribute towards this game, it helped swell the takings for the evening and gave the winner a very cheap decanter!

Throughout the evening, the most delicious nibbles were presented in order to ensure all remained sober and they were prepared by Grania Gregson and Nella Jameson, and our thanks go to them for all their hard work.

It was a hard fought contest with the Bluffers excelling themselves in laying false trails and traps to fall into. In the end there was a clear winner wearing a Wine Trade hat and one non-wine trade team that was not far behind.

The Prizes were as detailed below and our enormous thanks go to all those who so generously donated them to the Foundation.

In addition we were extremely fortunate that Justerini and Brooks kindly donated all the tasting wines for the evening and they were as follows:

White Wine

No. 1: Bluffer A.
Riesling, Mineral, Trocken, Nahe, Emrich Schonler.
Germany
2013 @ £19.46 per bottle inc VAT

No. 2: Bluffer C.
Montlouis, Remus, Domaine de la Taille aux Loups.
Loire, France,
2013 @ £16.46 per bottle inc VAT

Red Wine

No. 3: Bluffer C.
Monthelie, Sur la Velle, Chateau de Monthelie, Burgundy,
France
2008 @ £28.46 per bottle inc VAT

No. 4: Bluffer B.
Rosso di Montalcino, Domaine Uccelliera. Tuscany, Italy
2012 @ £15.45 per bottle inc VAT

PRIZES

1st Prize, to the top Non-Wine Trade Team

A bottle of wine to each team member, kindly donated by Amelia Jukes of Hallowed Ground. Either a bottle of 2012 Fox Gordon Eight Uncles Shiraz, Barossa Valley, South Australia

or

A bottle of 2011 Fox Gordon By George Cabernet Sauvignon/Tempranillo, Barossa Valley & Adelaide Hills, South Australia (80% Barossa Cab & 20% Temp from Adelaide Hills)

Won by Table 7 Battersea Bacchanalians

1st Prize to top Wine Trade Team

A box of 2 Vintners' Co Wine Glasses to each team member, kindly donated by the Vintners' Company

Won by Table 8 Bermondsey Boozers

Prize for the team placed 5th

A bottle of Valdivieso Aconcagua Pinot Noir 2012, Chile to each team member, kindly donated by the WSET

Won by Table 1 Premier Cru

A booby Prize for the team which ends up at the bottom of the score chart

1 Champagne Bottle Stopper each kindly donated by David Fison, Hon Accountant of the DJMF

Won by Table 6 Simply Red

It was a great evening and we received some very good feed back from many of those attending, BUT it would not have been possible without the enormous generosity of those who kindly donated wine and prizes for this Call My Wine Bluff evening. We acknowledge them below:

We are very grateful to the Master and Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Vintners for allowing us to use their Hall and Drawing Room.

We would also like to thank our generous donors for the wines and prizes as follows:

Pol Roger for the delicious Champagne supplied for the reception

Justerini and Brooks for the wines donated for the blind tasting

The Vintners' Company for the Decanter given to the winner of the True or False game

The Vintners' Company for the delightful glasses donated as Prizes

Amelia Jukes, from Hallowed Ground, for the Australian bottles of wine supplied for the Prizes

The Wine and Spirit Education Trust for the Chilean bottles of wine supplied for the Prizes

David Fison, our Hon Accountant, for the Booby Prize