

Jesus College Wine Committee

The Wine Committee met in the Cranmer Room on Thursday 24 November 2016 at 7.00 pm.

Present were:

[REDACTED]

Minutes

Action

1 Apologies

[REDACTED]

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

3 Matters arising

3.1 The necessity to contact [REDACTED] on the matter of attendance had been removed in view of his resignation (item 4.1 below refers).

3.2 The Acting Steward reported that he had purchased the La Mejorada Tiento 2009 at a price of £17.60 and it had been well received at the recent Guest night. The Committee asked him to seek samples of other vintages that might be appropriate for direct purchase.

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3.4 The Acting Steward said he had checked the internal sales. Chapel and congregational sales were consistent with previous years, but symposium sales were down. There was no evidence that wines were being purchased externally for symposia.

3.5 The Acting Steward said he had asked the Bursar about whether [REDACTED] should continue to be paid for his advice, and he had said he felt it was no longer necessary. The Committee asked the Acting Steward to write to [REDACTED] thanking him for his assistance.

[REDACTED]

4 Resignation of the Bursar

4.1 The Committee noted that the Bursar had resigned his position, and that he would therefore cease to be one of its

members. It would be a matter for Council to determine in due course whether his replacement would become a member.

5 Tasting of wines for the Audit Feast

5.1 The Committee consumed three courses of the menu for the Rustat Feast, but considered wines for all courses. For the finely sliced smoked loin of venison, the Committee tasted two Chiantis of different vintages, but preferred a Beaujolais Nouveau, sufficient bottles of which the Acting Steward had reserved but not yet purchased.

5.2 For the pan seared scallop with Iberico black pudding, the Committee chose WR 909 Rustenberg Sauvignon Blanc 2015.

5.3 For the breast of pigeon and seared duck liver, the Committee chose B339 Gevrey-Chambertin 'Clos Prieur', Domaine Marc Roy 2006.

5.4 The committee chose E166 Château Filhot, 2e Sauternes 2006 for the dessert.

5.5 A645 Château Les Ormes de Pez, Saint Estèphe 2010 was marginally preferred over Château la Croix de Gay, Pomerol 2009 to go with the selection of chesses.

5.6 The committee was joined by the Head Chef after the meal for a general discussion of the menu and wines.

7 Acting Steward

Noting that [REDACTED] would resume his duties as Steward in the New Year, the committee thanked the Acting Steward for performing in his stead.

6 Dates of next meetings

7.00 pm Thursday 9 March 2017 in the Cranmer Room to taste wines to accompany the menu for the Commemoration of Benefactors on 17 March; 7.00 pm Thursday 18 May in the Cranmer Room to taste wines to accompany the menu for the Rustat Feast on 26 May

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