

Jesus College Wine Committee

The Wine Committee met in the Cranmer Room on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7:00pm.

Present were:

[REDACTED]

Minutes

Action

1 Apologies

[REDACTED]

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 12 April were accepted as a correct record.

3 Matters arising

i) From the minutes of 6 March, minute 3.7. [REDACTED] reported that, despite his and [REDACTED] attempts over the summer, it had not been possible to advertise for a student recruit to assess and compare wine stock managements systems.

ii) From the minutes of 6 March, minute 4.3. After further discussion of the offer of bin ends of wines at discounted prices to Fellows (the 'Christmas list') the following points were agreed: i) requests from Fellows for wine from the Christmas list will be collated by the Cellarman, then wine will be distributed once the Fellows' Steward has decided equitable allocations of popular wines; ii) for some wines, such as older white burgundies, the 'carry-over value' formula can result in inappropriately high prices, and the Fellows' Steward will exercise his discretion in the offer price of such wines.

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4 Tasting of Sparkling Wines

The Committee tasted four sparkling wines possibly suitable for serving at College functions such as graduation day. There was a preference for the Allendorf Riesling Sekt Brut.

5 New wine stock management system

The Secretary and [REDACTED] reported on a new computerised management system for the wine stock which had also been seen by [REDACTED]. The committee agreed to recommend the adoption of the new system, with the proviso that it should also meet with the approval of the College IT department.

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6 Jesus College Gin

The Secretary undertook to explore further and report back to the Committee the possibility of a College branded gin, making sure that it was of a quality commensurate with price.

7 Membership of the Committee

It was noted that one member of the Committee had been told in the Summer that their term of membership had come to an end, but still appeared in the membership as recorded in the Council's list of committees. It was further noted that the Committee benefited greatly from the experience and knowledge of long-standing members, and that Emeritus Fellows were useful committee members since they were more able to attend tastings. It was agreed to ask Council if the Chair and Secretary might be consulted about the composition of the Committee before it was agreed at Council's July meeting.

8 Tasting of Wines for the Audit Feast

The Committee approved the following choices for the Audit

Feast: 1st course, Fleurie Domaine des grands cèdres 2013;

Fish course, Rully Les Cloux 2014;

Main Course, Chateau Batailley 2010;

1st dessert (sorbet), Schloss Saarstein 2011;

2nd dessert (Chocolate and Ginger Bavaois), Chateau Sudiraut, Sauternes 2009.

The Committee congratulated the Head Chef, who was in attendance at the end of his dinner, and his team for the preparation of a delicious, balanced, and well-presented meal. In addition to some minor adjustments to the menu, the Committee recommended to the Head Chef that the dessert be split into two courses, with a different wine served with each (as detailed above).

7 Any Other Business

undertook to circulate members of the Committee with the address of the website detailing forthcoming tastings in Cambridge Colleges.

recommended the purchase of 2009 Nyetimber 1086, shown at a recent tasting by Cambridge Wine Merchants.

It was agreed that at future meetings there should be some means to track different glasses of wine under comparison, such as sticky labels.

8 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed at Tuesday 5 March, 2019 at 6.45 pm.