

December 2025

Alas this was the last wine group tasting session of 2025, 22 members took their seats unsure of what was to come. Heather and Angie decided to do things slightly differently, Rose provided festive end of year cheese and biscuits plus 'The Kitchen' produced a very enjoyable shortbread mince 'cake'.

In total we sampled six very different wines from sherry, port (both red and white), mead, and dessert wines.

1. Gonzalez Byass Solera Cream Sherry

18% Proof

A dark sweet sherry has been made by the Gonzalez family since 1835.

2. TAYLORS LATE BOTTLES VINTAGE PORT

19% PROOF

COST £14.50

3. COCKBURNS PORTO BLANCO

19% PROOF

COST £10.97



4. Madeira -Henriques& Henriques

19% PROOF

Full. Rich, sweet. This wine/ grapes have been grown on the Portuguese island Madeira for centuries.

5. LYME BAY TRADITIONAL MEAD

14.5% PROOF

COST £12.00

LYME Bay Winery is based near Axminster in Dorset & has been in business for 20 years

6. Monbazillac - white dessert wine

13% PROOF

Grapes grown on the banks of the left bank of the Dordogne with a deep yellow colour.

All of the wines were purchased from Majestic Wines other than the White Port which came from ASDA.

As usual the evening passed very quickly and the theme chosen was a very nice way to end the year.

A detailed write up of the wines can be found on the Wine Group page.