

June 2026

Certainly a day to remember, the storm arrived, dark black voluminous clouds, thunder, lightning and lashing rain yet 19 intrepid members arrived on time for our monthly wine group tasting.

This month's presenters were Mary and Nick and their theme was to use one grape variety for all their chosen wines. Pinot Noir was selected – it was 100% present in four of the wines and a part blend in the two sparkling wines.

From last month's quiz we discovered that Cabernet Sauvignon is the most widely cultivated red wine grape variety planted on 840,000 acres globally. Pinot Noir is about 35% of the size at 292,000 acres.

- France 78,000 acres
- USA 50,000 acres
- Germany 27,000 acres.

The evening started with two sparkling whites.

1. Moillard-Thomas Crémant de Bourgogne Brut, Burgundy, France, 2023, 11.5%, RRP £17, we paid £15
2. Graham Beck Brut, South Africa, 12.5%, RRP £17, we paid £16

Both were very popular and the voting reflected this, the votes being 9 and 10.

Onto the Rosé

3. Domaine Jean-Max Roger 'Cuvée Genèse' Sancerre Rosé, France, 2024/25, 12.9%, RRP £20, we paid £18

The general opinion was that the wine was quaffable but not worth the money!



Next the reds

4. LFE Signature Series Pinot Noir 2024/25, Rapel Valley, Chile. 12.5%, RRP £9.50, we paid £8.50
5. Incanta Pinot Noir 2024/25, Romania. 12.5%, RRP £10.50, we paid £9
6. La Belle Angèle Pinot Noir 2023/24, France, 12.5%, RRP £9.50, we paid £8.50

Even though these wines came from the same grape there was a marked difference between them all. Voting was 2, 11, 6. All the wines were purchase from Majestic.

Once again, a very enjoyable evening was had by one and all.

Tasting notes can be found on the Wine Group page.