

December 2022

We had our final gathering of 2022 on Tuesday 6th December. This was our eighth meeting of the year and we have enjoyed sampling 48 different types of wine.

There was a good turnout, with 19 people attending and we had the pleasure of welcoming two new members - David and Jan Marston.

Mary initially introduced us to three white wines, which caused some confusion as we tried to guess what the variety was, suggestions included sauvignon blanc and chenin blanc whilst in fact we were sampling three different chardonnays. We obviously need more practice!

The Chilian Emiliana Chardonnay (13.5%) £8.99 had hints of tropical fruits and refreshing aromas.

The South African Boschendal Chardonnay (13.5%) £10.99 was more oaky but pleasant on the palette.

The New Zealand Paikea (Humpback Whale, (13%)) £10.99) was slightly lighter with a taste of limes and peach.

When put to the vote the favourite was the Emiliana (50%) whilst the other two scored 25% each.



Mary continued her theme when she presented three different Malbecs; once again we guessed wrong.

The Argentinian Finca Flichman Reserve Malbec (14%) £7.99 (reduced from £10.99) had a fruity flavour with an aroma of cherries.

The South African Rustenberrg Stellenbosch Malbec (14%) £12.99 had an abundance of dark berry fruit.

The Barefoot Malbec (13%) £6.99 was a substitute (all wines were sourced from Waitrose) was a smooth red with flavours of blackcurrant and vanilla.

The clear winner, when put to the vote was the Barefoot Malbec; this was the first time that the cheapest red was the most popular.