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It felt rather autumnal as we made our way to 'The Kitchen', the days are getting shorter, drizzle in the air but at least we could look forward to sampling some delicious wines. On arrival we discovered that Wendy had sent a replacement in her grandson Monty and with his background in the trade he proved very popular. Sam did a very good job of presenting the three white wines and left the reds to Monty.

On the night we had 22 members of our group present including two new members Steve and Debbie.

We started with three whites:

1. Royal Tokaji, Hungary, 13%, RRP £13.00, we paid £12
2. Zocker Gruner Veltliner, California, 14%, RRP £17.50, we paid £11.50
3. Rustenberg Wild Ferm SB, South Africa. 13.5%, RRP £15, we paid £10

All of the white wines were extremely pleasant but the Zocker proved the most popular, voting was 6, 10, 6.



Next the reds:

1. Pinot Noir Naudin, France, 13%, RRP £11.50, we paid £9.50
2. 409 Ribera Del Dueor, Spain, 14%, RRP £13, we paid £12
3. The Barossan Shiraz, Australia, 14.5%, RRP £18.50, we paid £13

As we have found out over our many meetings, the most expensive red proved to be the most popular (pricing not known before the vote).

The Voting was 2, 6, 14.

All of the wines were purchase in Majestic.

A very enjoyable evening, with Monty bringing the average age way down!

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