

Summer Lodge

COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL, RESTAURANT AND SPA

Wine Dinners 2012

- 3rd April £ 99 **Casa Lapostolle, Rapel, Chile**
Lapostolle is owned by the Marnier-Lapostolle family (of Grand Marnier fame), and since the winery's foundation in 1994, has pursued an uncompromising approach to quality. Their objective is as simple as it is ambitious; to create world class wines using the expertise of Michel Rolland and the superb terroirs of Chile. Conversion to biodynamic culture is almost complete, and reflects the obsessive attention to detail that already pervades Lapostolle.
- 1st May £ 99 **Bodegas Fos, Rioja, Spain**
By respecting the traditional winemaking process that makes La Rioja the best and most authentic wine of Spain, the Boluda Fos family has found worldwide recognition. Among their most important awards is that from the Government of Spain, the **Tinto Reserva Award Vendimia 2010**, awarded to the best wine from La Rioja, Spain. The care taken in the process of making their wines can be appreciated in each individual bottle and they ensure that every sip reminds you of the tremendous passion of Spain.
- 5th June £ 99 **Yering Station, Yarra Valley, Australia**
The cool climate and long, slow ripening season of the Yarra Valley to the east of Melbourne provide an idyllic environment for the growing and ripening the likes of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. With some of the finest vineyards in the Yarra Valley, Yering Station has pioneered a style across the range of wines which possess a freshness of fruit quality beautifully poised and showing elegance not usually associated with Australia. This balance between New World upfront fruit style and complexity make the great wines of Yering Station an invaluable addition to any wine list.
- 3rd July £ 99 **Alves de Sousa, Douro, Portugal**
The wines of Domingos Alves are produced from the grapes grown on the family's five "Quintas" and have received increasing recognition for their quality, gaining various awards and favourable reviews in wine magazines. The highlight was being recognised twice as: "Producer of the Year", by *Revista de Vinhos* (The Portuguese Wine Magazine) in 1999 and 2007 – the most important and prestigious award for a Portuguese wine producer. Domingos is the only person to have won this award twice.
- 4th September £120 **5 Sommeliers Dinner. Black Tie**
A firm favourite on our calendar for the last six years, this is an evening of fun and laughter, learning and competition. Hosted by Eric and a team of his friends, some of whom are the best sommeliers in the country, the wines featured vary from the traditionally famous to the new and innovative. Book early!

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- 19th September £ 99 ***Whiskey Tasting Dinner (maximum 20 guests in the conservatory)***
Established in 1895, the family-owned and managed firm of Gordon & MacPhail is custodian of some of the world's finest and rarest Single Malt Whiskies. They also own the Benromach Distillery. Located on the outskirts of the Forres, Benromach is Speyside's smallest working distillery. Just two experienced distillers hand-craft Benromach using the finest Scottish barley and the purest spring water from the nearby Romach Hills. Included in the award winning range of whiskies is Benromach 10 Year Old and the world's first fully certified organic Single Malt – Benromach Organic.
- 2nd October £ 99 ***Hugel, Alsace, France***
Since a renaissance of Alsace wines begun in 1918 by the pioneer Frederic Emile Hugel, three generations of the Hugel family have devoted their lives to the promotion of high-quality wines from noble grape varieties in Alsace. Their perseverance and hard work proved that Alsace wines merit a place among the finest wines of the world. Successive generations have strictly followed this same course, and they have obtained official recognition for Alsace late-harvest "Vendange Tardive" wines. The next generation is faithfully implementing the major principles it has inherited from its ancestors. A noble mission awaits Jean-Philippe, Marc and Etienne : to make Alsace wine the great white wine of the XXIst century.
- 6th November £ 99 ***TerraVin, Marlborough, New Zealand***
Mike and Jo Eaton have planted a very impressive hillside vineyard in the Omaka Valley, concentrating mainly on producing high quality Pinot Noir though they also have the magic touch when it comes to Sauvignon and Merlot. Wine-making is hands-off here, with focus on the immaculately tended, hand-nurtured vineyards
- 4th December £175 ***Ruinart, Champagne, France. Black Tie***
Dom Ruinart is a low profile, yet select Champagne house steeped in history. The first ever Champagne house, Ruinart was founded in 1729 by Nicolas Ruinart in the city of Reims. Nicolas' uncle was Dom Thierry Ruinart, close friend to Dom Pérignon himself. Ruinart's 8km of Gallo-Roman chalk cellars are now a historical monument and every two years the finest sommeliers in Europe gather there to compete for the Trophée Ruinart. Since the war the house has become synonymous with class and its production of only 1.7 million bottles per annum is small. It is now part of the LVMH group that also owns Moët & Chandon. The house style emphasises the dominance of Chardonnay over Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.