



Thames Valley Network



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Vine to Wine

Wednesday, 5th October 2016

Benson Parish Hall, Sunnyside, Benson, Wallingford, OX10 6LZ

A WINE TASTING STUDY DAY

As U3A members, we are all over 21 and had several years' experience of drinking wines!!! But, what are we getting out of that experience, other than maybe a headache? Come to this study day and learn how best to sample wines, what sensations of aroma and taste to expect from a given grape variety and how best to describe those sensations.

Speakers will be:

Morning: Bob Nielson, co-owner with Carol, of Brightwell Vineyard, Wallingford. Will talk about the history of wine making, and various other aspects of wine tasting and growing with an emphasis on English wine. Wine tastings to emphasise points made.

Afternoon: Wine buyer for Waitrose, Wallingford. Will talk about New World wines and their differences, or not, in character to European wines. Wine tastings to emphasise points made.

Study programme will be:

10 am	Registration and coffee
10.30am	The history of English wine making. How to taste and appreciate wine.
11.30am	In the vineyard – the influence of grape variety, soil and climate on the wine's taste.
1.00pm	LUNCH
2pm	Wines of the world, a comparison.
3.30pm	Buying, storing and serving wine
4.00pm	Depart

The study day fee is £16 . It includes tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival, wines for tasting, and information hand-outs. A pre-booked buffet lunch is available at a cost of £6, or bring your own. Non-TVN affiliated U3A members are most welcome for a small additional fee of £2, though preference given to affiliated members first. Volunteers are requested to help on the day with kitchen duties and with wine pouring. Those applicants will get a reduction of £3 to attend.

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Acknowledgement will be by email unless s.a.e enclosed

NB- this is a wine TASTING day, not a party!!! Drink driving laws apply