



BACCHUS



Northern
Wine Festival



2026

Crypt Hall, Liverpool

Brought to you by Bacchus School of Wine



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A chapter and verse from the organiser...

A self imposed limit has been enforced on this introduction. For sure, I could write a book on my journey over the past 7 years! I'll spare you that.

If I was to write a book, however, it would start with a heartfelt thanks to you all. Thank you for supporting this huge undertaking and for believing in the event. Liverpool has proven there is a genuine thirst for such a celebration of wine!

And thank you to every single one of you who have supported Bacchus from the beginning seven years ago. It's been a journey but you know what... It's only just getting started!

Bacchus's tag line is 'sharing the passion'. Sure wine is my passion and I consider myself very fortunate to live my passion every day - not everyone gets to say they do that. But it's not just about my passion. Bacchus has always championed the people behind the label. It's sharing their passion; their blood, sweat and tears... their story! That's what I get a kick out of.

I'm joined here today by true friends across the world of wine. I could not be more proud to stand here, side-by-side with them, and to think that Northern Wine Festival has been born out of a desire to bring everyone together.

Northern Wine Festival is indeed the pinnacle expression of Bacchus to date but there is more to come.

NWF is proud to release its 2027 dates - **Friday 12th and Saturday 13th March!**

Those that sign up for advanced booking will be given queue jump status and will be admitted to the festival 30minutes early! Payment will not be requested until 6 months prior to the event.

But... between now and then, there is today. It's time to get exploring, it's time to start sharing that passion, it's time to get tasting!

For the love of wine and the people behind it.

#nwfliverpool

Johnathan





The World of Bacchus

Bacchus has grown over the years...

If you are new to Bacchus, let me outline the main offerings. Needless to say, if you love your wine and the journey it can take you on, you're in good company. I'd like to think there is another offering or two that could really tickle your fancy.





SCHEDULE

The main focus of NWF is the walk around tasting. Please feel free to explore the main area of Crypt Hall where the majority of wine and food exhibitors are based. Visit tables that are free and enjoy wines of your choice and speak with the producers, distributors and wine educators hosting their respective tables.

Beyond this, you may have booked a masterclass. Please see the schedule below for your allocated masterclass (as indicated on your separate ticket you received when arriving). Please note that masterclasses are held in the Concert Room which is adjacent to Crypt Hall and accessed through the internal doors. During masterclass, this area will be closed and tickets will be required to enter. At the time of writing, it was expected that all masterclass sessions would sell out to those pre-booking. If interested, it may be worth asking at the entrance desk in Crypt Hall if any tickets are available.

<u>Masterclass</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
This is England:	11:45 - 12:30	16:45 - 17:30
8,000 Years of Wine:	13:25 - 14:10	18:25 - 19:10

* **Please note:** During masterclass running times, Jane Clare DipWSET will be hosting Wine Walks around the main festival. Free to join, you just need 3 wine stamps. Meet at the ticket desk near Crypt Hall's entrance and enjoy a 30 minute, expert led, wine walk around the festival along with Jane's top pick wines that perfectly illustrate our festival's core themes. Cheers!

Entertainment

We are very fortunate to have secured the sensational talents of Maja James who is a talented vocalist and pianist. Her sets will reflect the beauty and ambiance of our magnificent venue of Crypt Hall & Concert Room within the catacombs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

<u>Music</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Set 1:	12:35 - 13:20	17:35 - 18:20
Set 2:	14:15 - 15:00	19:15 - 20:00

FESTIVAL FLOOR PLAN AND INFORMATION

NWF is a **walk-around tasting**. With your glass and brochure in hand visit the tables you fancy and try the wines you'd like to.

You have your **branded tasting glass** for the day. Please use the water jugs to rinse out your glass. Spitoons are stationed around the venue for emptying out your glass should you wish.

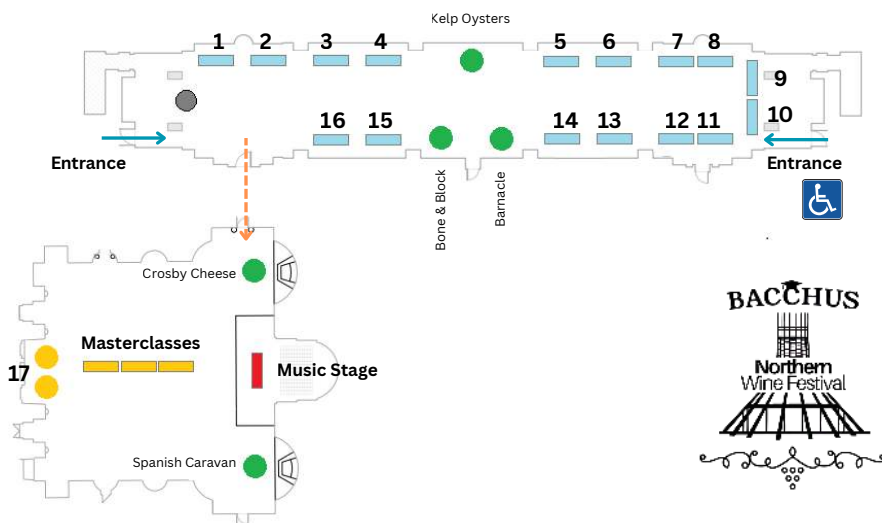
Additional tasting cards are available at the Ticket Desk near the main entrance. £30 will get you another 12 wines which can be shared with your group should you wish.

Food vendors are stationed throughout Crypt Hall and the Concert Room. These have their own payment systems. **Please be aware these are card only.**

Masterclasses are ticketed. Limited spaces may still be available so ask at the ticket desk near the main entrance for availability. These will take place in the Concert Room which will be closed to the rest of the public for the 45 minute sessions.

Musical Entertainment is also on in the Concert Room. Maya James will play two sets during each of the festival's two sessions. Please view the schedule in this brochure.

Social Media: We'd LOVE to see how you spend your day. Please tag @northernwinefestival on IG or @bacchuswinetasting on FB & IG. And don't forget to #nwfliverpool





Number = Table Location as pictured on Festival Floor Plan

English Spotlight

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Wine Educator and Columnist
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Supporting Blind Wine Host

English Spotlight | Simpsons Wine Estate, Kent | Table 1

Silvia Cackova



Your Representative:

Silvia is responsible for Exports for Simpsons Wine Estate and also leads on the Events & Tastings team for the estate. Silvia joined Simpsons in 2018 and I was introduced to her the following year. We both relish in the joy of English wine's continued growth and success. We're on a mission together to spread the good word about English wine's quality. Equally, the two of us will never turn down an opportunity to raise each other up! Silvia, it's nothing but a joy to have you at NWF.

The Estate:

Simpsons Wine Estate is located in beautiful Barham, Kent. The estate believes that the finest wines convey a rich sense of provenance and integrity, firmly rooted in the characteristics and exquisite nuances of their terroir. This is why they have settled for nothing less than the finest parcels of land in southern England to plant the vines for Simpsons' exceptional English wine.



Chalklands Classic Cuvee NV



Canterbury Rose Sparkling Rosé 2022



Flint Fields Blanc de Noirs 2021



Gravel Castle Chardonnay 2024



Derrington Pinot Meunier 2023



Roman Road Chardonnay 2023



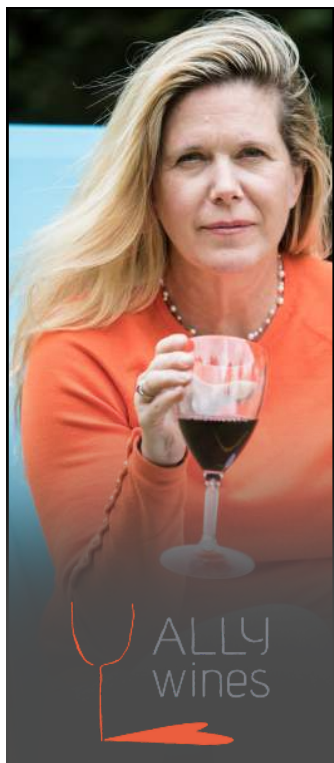
Railway Hill Rose 2023



Rabbit Hole Pinot Noir 2024

* This wine is being poured exclusively during the 'This is England' Masterclass

Jennifer Williams-Bulkeley



Your Representative:

Jennifer is the founder and owner of Ally Wines, and is deeply passionate about what goes into wine and sharing those stories. She says: “Wine does not make itself and it takes years and years to produce. It requires friendship and relationships and an understanding of what good farming practices are. Much can happen in the winery, but it really all begins in the vineyard. I believe in celebrating the people and places behind the things we choose to bring into our lives.”

The Business:

Based in London and founded in 2020, Ally Wines is a specialist importer focused on changing the narrative around US wines in the UK; emphasising low-intervention, unique, and purposeful wines from California as well as Washington and Oregon. Ally works with producers who prioritise quality and sustainability over high-volume production.

**Discover
Off the Beaten Track
Wines from
Washington State**



DeSante Wines Semillon/
Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley



RZN Clairette 2022
San Luis Obispo



DeSante Mixed White Field Blend 2019
St Helens, Napa Valley



Shypoke Charbono 2018
Calistoga, Napa Valley



Syncline Gruner Veltliner, Columbia Gorge
Washington State/Oregon border



Ernest Mixed White & Red Field Blend
Mendocino



Gail Sangiovese/Barbera 2023
Sonoma



Hatten Daniels Zweigelt/Blaufrankisch/
Dornfelder 2019, Lodi



Sandar & Hem Grenache Rose
Santa Cruz



Cadence Cabernet Franc/Cabernet
Sauvignon, Walla Walla South-eastern
Washington State

* This wine is being poured exclusively during a Masterclass

Classic Regions | Terre Di Valter, Campania, Italy | Table 3

Dennis GLynn



Your Representative:

The small team at are busy in the vineyard! Fear not, the wonderful Dennis is here to pour their wines for you to enjoy so we don't miss out on these amazing wines. Dennis is a seasoned pro at hospitality and events and has worked Crypt Hall on several occasions. He also loves Italy and her wines! All specifications of wines are also printed for your to review whilst tasting on this table also.

The Estate:

Terre di Valter is a family-owned, organic-certified winery in Campania, Italy, producing high-quality wines from Irpinia, specifically in the Avellino province (Torre le Nocelle). Founded by Valter Landi and continued by his children, Roberto and Emanuela, the winery specializes in regional DOC and DOCG wines, including Taurasi, Fiano di Avellino, Greco di Tufo, and Falanghina.



Campania Falanghina



Fiano Di Avellino



Greco Di Tufo



Sciapo, Fiano Di Avellino



VentidueMarzo Irpinia Aglianico



Sciapo, Irpinia Campi Tuarasini

James Hainsworth & Lauren Giffiths



Your Representative:

James' journey into wine started early in his hospitality career, working across operations, menu development and as a Wine Ambassador at The Alchemist Bars and Restaurants.

Lauren works on Think's logistics for events and supports with ensuring their wines are enjoyed in the best settings.

The Business:

Founded in 2020, Think Wine was created by Katherine Jones, who saw an opportunity to reimagine sparkling wine in a way that better suited a more health conscious lifestyle. A proud B Corp brand, Think works closely with a family-run, organic vineyard in Treviso, Italy, carefully growing and sourcing high-quality grapes to craft a Prosecco and Pinot Grigio Sparkling Rosé that are vegan, lower in calories and sugar, and never compromise on taste. Made in Italy using premium Treviso grapes, our wines are thoughtfully blended to deliver fresh, balanced flavours and a crisp, revitalising finish, offering a more mindful way to enjoy sparkling wine.



ThinK Prosecco Brut



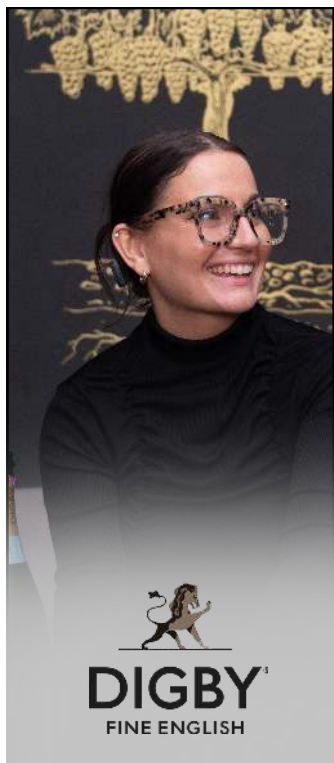
ThinK Sparkling Pinot Grigio
Rose Brut



ThinK Sparkling Rose
Mini Frizzante

ThinK Prosecco
Mini Frizzante

Gabriella Rondelli



Your Representative:

Gabriella is Consumer Sales & Service Manager at Digby. Gabriella's influence stretches far across operations; growing corporate relationships, nurturing Digby's exclusive Kenelm Club as well as being at the helm of hospitality at their plush Arundal tasting room. Gabriella also had the honour of being nominated for Harpers 30 Under 30 in 2025. Gabriella is tremendously passionate about creating special moments around wine and we thank you Gabriella for bringing your sparkle to NWF!

The Business:

Digby Fine English boasts a world class portfolio of, purely, traditional method English sparkling wines. A portfolio that has achieved global acclaim since being founded in 2013. As well as being placed in some of the hottest hotels and restaurants around the world, here in the UK, you'll find it served by the glass on BA Airlines, in the officers' mess onboard HMS Queen Elizabeth whilst also being the official English sparkling wine served in The House of Commons. If you like your top-class fizz, you couldn't be in better company. Visiting Digby in person is a must and can be done so through their plush tasting room in Arundel, Sussex. When Bacchus is in town, this is where you'll find me. Make no mistake about it, Digby is on a quest to make England famous for its world-class winemaking.



Non Vintage Brut



Vintage Reserve Brut 2013



Leander Pink



Vintage Rosé Brut 2018

Olga Torres



Your Representative:

Olga is proud founder and owner of the innovative Mexico Wines; a newly formed specialist importer of small-run boutique Mexican wines especially sourced for the UK market with a focus on premium restaurants. NWF is incredibly proud to have such innovative individuals representing all corners of the world of wine. Thank you for joining us and showing us an insight into the delicious world of Mexican wine!

The Business:

Mexico Wines is a small boutique importer of fine Mexican wines. What's super exciting is this is a brand new start-up from one of my dearest friends and we are fortunate enough to enjoy the wines that have arrived on Olga's very first shipment into the UK. Olga is showing three wines from the Bodega Los Cedros; a boutique vineyard and winery located in the mountains of Arteaga, Coahuila, Mexico, producing high-quality wines since 2012. Situated over 2,100 meters (approx. 5,000 feet) above sea level, it is known for high-altitude, cool-climate wines, featuring varietals like Malbec, Syrah, and Pinot Noir overseen by winemaker José Trillo Rivas.



Bodega Los Cedros Rosado



Bodega Los Cedros Pinot Noir



Bodega Los Cedros Tuma Red Blend

Discover Emerging Wines | Kanaan Winery, China | Table 7

Ming Chen



Your Representative:

Ming is a wine professional with a background in the restaurant industry as Operations Manager for the very highly regarded restaurant group D&D with operations in London, Birmingham, Manchester, Paris and New York. Over his career, Ming has opened many restaurants and curated countless wine lists. His mission; simply to create the most memorable experiences that bring people together over a glass of fine wine. Today, Ming shares 4 curious wines; two from his homeland China from his favourite estate, the highly acclaimed Kanaan Winery, and two more from a little further afield in Japan from the estate Château Mercian. All delicious... all for the curious!

The Estate:

Kanaan is considered one of the top wineries in China and is located at the foot of the Helan Mountains in Ningxia (1,000km west of Beijing). The winery was established in 2011 by Fang Wang, daughter of Wang Feng Yu, a pioneer of viticulture in Ningxia. Fang is nicknamed 'Crazy Fang' for her boldness to start a winery with no prior experience, and for embarking on the near impossible mission of growing Riesling in Ningxia



'Pretty Pony' Ningxia
Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot



Ningxia Riesling 2022

Also representing two key wines from Japan



Koshu Iwasaki 2023



Syrah Mariko 2020



Your Representative:

Nathalie and Olivier are the husband and wife team behind the labels and having had the privilege to meet both previously you'll have to take my word for it that they are both as fabulous as their wines and that's saying something. Today, NWF is incredibly grateful to be joined by Chateau L'Eperon.

The Estate:

Set within 20 hectares of limestone-clay soil within the appellation of Bordeaux Superiore; just a stone's throw away from the world renowned world heritage sight of Saint Emilion, is Chateau L'Eperon. Wine has been produced in the estate since the 1830s and since 2018, the estate has been certified HV3 (high ecological value- Level 3!) Welcome to the splendours of Bordeaux wine!



Château L'Eperon, Sémillon



Château L'Eperon



L'Éclat du Château L'Eperon



La Brise



Le Merlot



Théo & Léo

Paddy Gaunt



Your Representative:

Paddy is part of the winemaking team and looks after accounts for Sandridge Barton (formally Sharpam Wines). Paddy was the first English estate Bacchus officially connected with, and during lockdown, Paddy was the first person I approached about the idea of hosting Virtual Wine Tastings as a special guest. Since then, we've co-hosted 4 virtual events together and co-hosted a winemakers dinner in Liverpool. When visiting Paddy's neck of the woods in Devon during 2024's public cross county vineyard tour of the south west, he treated Bacchus and all our amazing tour guests to the most exclusive tasting experience.

The Estate:

The Sandridge Barton Estate is located on the east bank of the River Dart, just south of Stoke Gabriel; a magnificent slice of England lies here! And the wines produced here... unique, curious... both work. But... sublime probably works best of all. What's fantastic is the versatility of their portfolio; sparkling, still wines of all styles, classic wines you might expect from England along with premium single vineyard offerings and bold minimal intervention wines also. Most importantly, it's the people behind wine that gets me going.



Classic Cuvée Rosé 2022



Pinot Rosé 2024



New Release 2025



Dart Valley Reserve 2023



Bacchus Stop Ferment 2024



East Field Single Vineyard
Madeleine Angevine



East Field Single Vineyard
Pinot Gris



Don't Feed The Ponies
Figgy Daniel Sparkling Col Fondo



Don't Feed The Ponies
Little Bee



Pinot Noir 2022

Libby Boston



Your Representative:

Libby is the Vineyard Manager at Bantham. Her debut taste of the wine world began with a vintage on a live volcano, a stint in Sicily picking and pressing in wellies; the ash showers contributing to the character of the wine. Her experience ripened when at Sandridge Barton Wines, formally Sharpham Wines, where she went from green to well-seasoned in the vineyard and winery. She graduated from Plumpton College as a Crop Technician in Viticulture. Now, her feet are firmly planted on Bantham Estate, where she runs the vineyard with a grand team on the ground. Bantham was just honoured with the accolade 'Vineyard of the Year'!

The Estate:

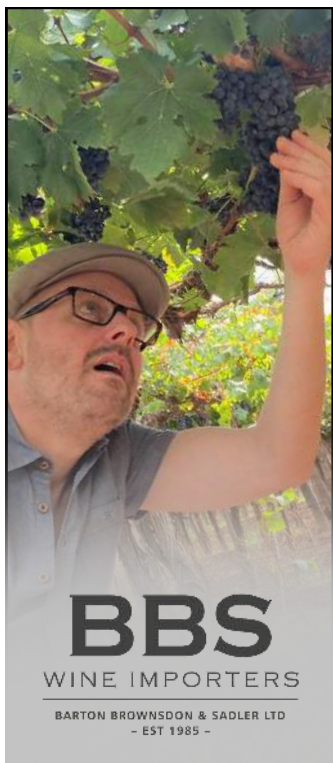
Bantham Vineyard was planted in May, 2021. Its vintages make award-winning English wine. It sits with breathtaking, far-reaching views of the Avon Estuary and the famous Burgh Island. We grow various varieties such as Pinot Noir, Pinot Noir Precocé, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay. The topography on the site is found on traditional farmland and countryside characteristics, Devon banks, traditional hedging and a walled garden. The ethos behind the establishment centres on cultivating relationships between soil, vine and fostering biodiversity, wildlife corridors and cover crops.



Bantham Pinot Gris



Rafael Lijtman Gorella



Your Representative:

Rafael and I have become great friends since we began collaborating for the first time in 2020. Since then Rafa and I have co-hosted two virtual wine tastings together as well as our first in-person tasting together in Liverpool in 2024. We enjoy catching up together, whether in London or at wine awards in Manchester, so you might bump into us on the social circuit too! As an Argentine and having traveled the width and breadth of Argentina; seeking out the best offerings to bring into the UK, nobody is better placed to talk you through this selection of superb wines. Rafa is kindly showcasing the wines of Argentina and Chile today; all sourced from the BBS portfolio. Enjoy every drop, I always do!

The Business:

Barton Brownsdon & Sadler are a UK based importer and distributor. Businesses like this are responsible for bringing wines into the UK market. Their buyers decide which wines to be the best and are then made available to purchase, depending on the focus of their particular business, to the off-trade (supermarkets and wine stores) and the on-trade (restaurants and wine bars). BBS focuses on the on-trade and champions superb quality wine that offers exceptional value. Bacchus sources a lot of wine from BBS with a focus on their South American offerings.



Inacayal Torrontes



Mantra Rebel Pinot Noir



Mad Bird Reposado



Inacayal Sauvignon Blanc



Mantra Rebel Malbec



Mad Bird Dark Blend



Pacifico Sur Reserve
Chardonnay



Pacifico Reserve
Merlot



Pacifico Sur Chardonnay



Tutunjian Late Harvest



Pacifico Sur Carmenera, Curico Valley



Pacifico Sur Reserve
Pinot Noir, San Antonio



Tutunjian Reserve Single Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon, Curico Valley

Marie Davies



Your Representative:

Marie is Business Development Manager for Stopham Vineyard. Having known Marie and the team since 2019 and having hosted several virtual tastings together, visited the estate on cross county vineyard tours twice, it makes it even more of a pleasure to welcome Marie to Liverpool. Thank you for joining us Marie and thank you for supporting English Spotlight with your charm, charisma and energy. I hope you enjoy the English aromatics of Stopham's delicious wines as much as I do.

The Estate:

As still wine specialists, most of their production is for exciting white wines based on their Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Auxerrois and Bacchus grape varieties. They also make sparkling wine with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Their vineyard is in an area of outstanding natural beauty in West Sussex and forms part of the South Downs National Park.



Stopham Estate Sparkling Brut



Stopham Pinot Gris 2023



Stopham Bacchus 2023

Discover Emerging Wines | Pisano Wines, Uruguay | Table 13

Bella Mae Lewis



Your Representative:

Bella is Regional Account Manager at national importer and distributor Boutinot Wines. Pisano, the Uruguayan estate Bella is representing today, are brought into the UK market via Boutinot. Bella has worked closely with the estate on several recent high profile events when the team were in the UK including a winemaker's dinner at Deli Fonseca as well as Boutinot's annual trade portfolio tasting hosted in Panam restaurant (of which Bacchus was thrilled to attend and was introduced to the team through Bella). Not only is Bella a huge personal fan of these off the beaten track wines, she knows the estate first hand and can't wait to talk you through their wines.

The Estate:

First and foremost, Pisano is a family winery and each brother brings his own passion: Eduardo manages vineyard care; Gustavo oversees the cellar and blending; and Daniel, the family's charismatic spokesperson, drives exports to far-flung places, even to Antarctica, bringing Uruguay into the global wine conversation. Pisano Family Wines is nestled in Progreso, 45 minutes uphill from Montevideo, some 20km from the broadest point of the Rio del Plata estuary before it meets the chill of the South Atlantic.



Pisano RPF Albarino
Progreso 2024



Pisano Cisplatino Albarino
Progreso 2025



Pisano Cisplatino Tannat
Progreso 2024



Pisano Río de los Pájaros Tannat
Progreso 2023

Rafael Pérez



Your Representative:

Rafael is the current owner, alongside his brother Luis Carlos, of Bodegas Vallemayor, located in Fuenmayor, Rioja Alta, DOCa Rioja. After studying Marketing and Business Management in Logroño, he earned a degree in Textual Interpretation at the RESAD in Madrid, where he spent several years balancing his commercial work with his Poetry and Theatre dedication. Upon returning to La Rioja, he took on the Commercial Direction of the family winery, where he currently holds the position of Managing Director.

The Estate:

Bodegas Vallemayor is a family-owned winery located in Fuenmayor, into the geographic area of La Rioja Alta. We only elaborate high quality wines from our own 70 hectares of vineyards and from other 40 hectares of familiar ones that we control in the area. In Vallemayor the traditional knowledge and the most modern technology are well-balanced in order to produce both a line of coupage wines and another of terroir wines that are the most accurate model of this land expression. We're under the protection of the D.O.Ca. Rioja.



Martin Berdugo Verdejo



Vallemayor Blanco Rioja



Nexo Tempranillo Rioja



Tondeluna Tinto Rioja



Vallemayor Rosado Rioja



Binario Tempranillo Blanco

Jeremy Cowan



Your Representative:

Jeremy Cowan is an experienced wine professional and Account Manager at Gerrard Seel, bringing over a decade of expertise in trade sales across the North West of England. With a background in sommelier roles at top restaurants and extensive international travel visiting vineyards, he joined Gerrard Seel after previously working for London based Liberty Wines.

The Business:

Gerrard Seel is a specialised wine merchant and wholesaler based in the North West of England, established in 1984, that imports and supplies artisan, food-friendly wines directly from worldwide producers. They focus on family-owned estates, sustainable practices, sourcing wines that work brilliantly for their client’s across the hospitality industry. For NWF, Gerrard Seel are showcasing a wide selection of classic wines from their French portfolio including the regions we all know and love such as Burgundy, Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace, Provence as well as the northern and southern Rhone.



Chateau Canet
Fleur de Charlotte



Chateau Canet
Fleur de Charlotte Viognier



Chateau de la Gardine
Rasteau



Coudert Clos de la Roquette
Fleurie



Domaine Darragon Vouvray
Heritage Demi Sec



Domaine du Bicheron
Cremant NV



Pezat
Côtes de Provence



Saint Roch
Cotes du Rhone Blanc



Domaine Vrignaud
Chablis

Polly Prescott



Your Representative:

Having worked in hospitality since 15 and doing everything from washing dishes to organising weddings and major sports events, Polly was lucky enough to take WSET Level 2 through a wine company. This is where she got more interested in the huge subject of wine. After completing the Level 2 she was hooked and wanted to know as much as possible so put herself through the Level 3 and Diploma courses. Now she is lucky enough to use that knowledge everyday in her job working for Gerrard Seel Wine Merchants who import Astoria's wines into the UK market.

The Estate:

With Paolo and Filippo Polegato at the helm, Astoria Wines is one of the leading exponents of the Art of Prosecco. It was founded in 1987 by a family that had been dedicated to vine growing for generations and it is now the leading private Conegliano-Valdobbiadene DOCG wine maker, with countless accolades from top wine competitions. Check out their fizz and fabulous still wines from northern eastern Italy.



Alisia, Pinot Grigio



Caraanto, Pinot Noir



El Ruden, Veneto Rosso



Fashion Victim, Moscato Rose



Fervo, Marzemino Passito



Icona, Cabernet Sauvignon



Corderie, Valdobbiadene Prosecco



Velere, Rose Extra-Dry Prosecco

Jane Clare



Dan Walsh



Your Wine Educators:

Founder of One Foot in the Grapes, Jane Clare DipWSET is a Liverpool-based freelance journalist, wine columnist, WSET wine educator and wine event host. Jane is lucky to wear different wine hats; she teaches wine qualifications to trade and consumers, writes a weekly syndicated regional wine column and hosts fun wine events. She once won a stand-up comedy night and can giggle a bit. Dan Walsh is supporting Jane Clare DipWSET on the education blind wine tables. He currently holds Level 2 and is the owner of Rascal Gin.

Wine Walks at NWF:

Whilst Masterclass are running in the Concert Room (and this area is closed) Jane-Clare will be hosting ‘Wine Walks’ around Crypt Hall. Simply meet her near the main entrance - all you need are three stamps on your tasting card and in 30 minutes she’ll take you on an expedition of the NWF’s core themes - with a perfectly chosen wine to illustrate each one.

<u>Wine Walks</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
1st Wine Walk:	11:45 - 12:15	16:45 - 17:15
2nd Wine Walk:	13:25 - 13:55	18:25 - 18:55

Blind Tasting Tables:

You don’t have to try them all. Choose a theme below and dive right in. 2 stamps on your tasting card will get you a taste of three wines from one of the themes (it’s a buy 2, get one free situation!) Be warned, however, try one challenge and you might find it hard to walk away from another.

No tricks here. All wines have been selected from wine school lists and are chosen to show typicity (a typical example) for the theme in question.

Taste The Variety

Blind Wines 1 - 3 are each produced with the same variety. Can you taste the commonality?

Taste The Country

Blind Wines 4 - 6 are each from the same country. Can you put the clues together to find the common country?

Taste The Region

Blind Wines 7 - 9 are each from the same region.

Poo or Posh?

Blind Wines 10 - 12 are chalk and cheese BUT 1 is sub £10, another is sub £20 and one is a £30 banger! Oh and the sting in the tail is that they are all from the same grape variety - OUCH!



UK DRY AGED STEAK



Based in the city's thriving Duke Street Market, Bone & Block take their beef very seriously and believe British beef to be some of the best offerings in the world. Lush green landscapes in the north of England and a drive towards regenerative farming means that ethically sourced prime beef is for the picking up north!



CHEESE & CHARCUTERIE



Lee is here and he has his cheese and his charcuterie for all your wine pairing needs. Lee has put on a selection of premium cheese and charcuterie boxes all priced on the quantity and tantalising combinations you choose. All served with chutneys and crackers.



FRESHLY SHUCKED OYSTER BAR



KELP is a mobile Oyster Bar and seafood specialist, and Northern Wine Festival is thrilled to have them serving up a sensational bar of freshly shucked oysters. There is also a garnish station fuelled with your classic tabasco, lemons and a homemade vinaigrette!



TRADITIONAL PINCHOS



You'll find Spanish Caravan on Slater Street in the city. Today, Harry (winner of Irish Masterchef) is serving up authentic Spanish pinchos. Similar to tapas, these delicious mini delights are served on bread and by the stick (pincho).

BARNACLE

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