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## **PORTUGAL – What’s all the fuss about?**

*‘I think Portugal is now one of the most exciting and dynamic wine-producing countries in Europe’ Jamie Goode*

Is Jamie right? I’ve noticed for some years now that the big names of the Wine Trade have been talking up Portuguese Wines; Charles Metcalfe, Hugh Johnson, Robert Joseph, Simon Woods, Jancis Robinson all enthral about the virtues of this wine giant.

We are all aware of its opulent Ports and legendary Madeira’s but it’s the new breed of modern wine making that is dragging this country into the limelight. Trendy red wines that offer exceptional quality, exciting white wine varieties that shine.

## **Do you want to learn more about the wines of Portugal?**

We have asked three of the most respected Wine Journalist in the UK to come to The Harrow in July and August to help explain what is happening in Portugal and give you an insight into some of these great wines.

We will also be show casing a range of fine Portuguese wines both by the glass and bottle during this period.

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**Sarah Ahmed** - Sarah has evolved from being a lawyer to the current Portuguese Wine Writer of the Year. She has a very friendly and knowledgeable manner, I have worked with Sarah on numerous projects, most notably Australian Rieslings last year. Sarah contributes to Hugh Johnson's Pocket Guide Book.



**Simon Woods** - One of the UK's most respected wine writers, Simon Woods has been making a living from his trusty palate for the past 20 years. His humorous approach to wine education makes him one of the nicest and funniest wine journalists in the UK.



### **Richard Mayson**

Richard is the 'World authority' on the wines of Portugal. A writer, lecturer, consultant, and author of five books, Chair of the Decanter World Wine Awards for Portugal, Port & Madeira, wine producer and owner of a vineyard in the Alto Alentejo region of Portugal

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### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Madeira Master Class Evening – Free**

#### **Optional Portuguese Tasting Dinner; £50.00 per person with wines**

Geoffrey Cole of Bovey Wines will host a master class of D'Oliveira Madeira. From dry to sweet, Sercial to Malvasia, Cask aged to Reserva, back to the 1930's.

Join Geoff for dinner afterwards where he will guide us through a Tasting Menu with fine Portuguese wines including Madeira. Has Roger succeeded in matching Madeira with some of his dishes? Tasting 7p.m. - Dinner 8p.m.

### **Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **Gourmet Wine Dinner with Simon Woods £70.00 per person**

A chance to try some fabulous modern premium Portuguese wines matched with Michelin Star food. Simon will entertain us with both his wine knowledge and his Manchester humour. 8 exceptional wines matched with Portuguese influenced dishes. Reception on the Terrace from 7p.m.

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

#### **Lunch with Richard Mayson £50.00 per person**

Listen to Richard's tales of both being a journalist and wine maker sitting on our Terrace and enjoy a 5 course lunch matched with both his own wines and some of his favourite wine makers' wines. Reception from 12 noon.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Diverse, dynamic and divine - Northern Portugal**

#### **hosted by Sarah Ahmed, Wine Tasting & Dinner £60.00 per person**

. ", a selection of some of the finest, funkiest, food friendly ambassadors from the Minho, Vinho Verde, the Douro, Bairrada, the Dao and Beiras"