

AROUND THE VINE IN 90 MINUTES

DURATION

60 – 90 minutes

REQUIREMENTS

Sufficient space for a table
plus chairs per team

GUEST NOS.

10 - 300 guests



Not just Around the World in 90 days – this is a 90-minute vino trip to remember! Whether you're a wine connoisseur or a relative novice, this dip into the fascinating world of wine will leave your taste buds wanting more!

Hosted by our own resident Wine and Spirit specialist this engaging pre-dinner event allows guests to sample and enjoy popular wines from around the world.

Eyeballing, swirling, sniffing and swishing will all become second nature as you attempt to identify the bouquet, the aftertaste and even the colour of the fabulous selection on offer!

Using almost a quarter of a century of full-time experience within the Wine Trade, your professional compère hosts this competitive quiz format and kicks off the evening by providing a brief insight into the joys of wine and traditional wine tasting techniques.

Enthused, your guests will then blind sample six wines from both the old and new world. Using their new-found knowledge, they work in teams of up to 5 to establish the country of origin, the grape and the suggested price of each wine. Winners win...wine!

"The wine tasting was a big hit. James was very informative and pitched it perfectly for us" Deloitte

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THE COMPETITION

Your specialist compère introduces the event with a short topical discussion about wine and traditional wine tasting techniques. Whilst full of information, the style of presentation is accessible, relaxed and sociable. Guests will then blind sample six wines from both the old and new world and, using their new-found knowledge, will work in teams to establish the country of origin, the grape and the RRP of each wine, the team with the most correct answers wins – it really is about the taking part though!

ABOUT OUR WINE SPECIALIST

Our Wine Specialist has travelled through the World's wine producing regions as a buyer and as a "courtier" discovering new areas and styles for the UK Market. Possessing dual nationality (British & French) he has his own Fine Wine Shop selling directly to the public and has also worked throughout the UK as a trainer for drinks staff in top restaurants, a consultant for food & wine matching and Restaurant Wine List selection.

He is a judge for the prestigious 'International Wine Challenge' & for the English Vineyards Association and lectures for various Wine & Spirit trade courses and examinations. Most recently, he won the Award of "UK Wine Hero 2007". This is a National Title awarded by "Wine & Spirit" Magazine in the UK in recognition of the supreme importance of the interface between wine customer & wine merchant and the wine merchant's ability to enthuse and create interest in discovering more about wine.

Alternative tasting evenings are available - please ask for a costing for:

Whisky Tasting

Guests sample approximately 7 whiskies, which may be single malt, or single cask. Guests work together to discover the region, cask type and age.

Beer Tasting

Guests will be invited to sample a variety of different beers. Continental and real ales will get the taste buds tingling as guests guess the style of brewing, country of origin and the quality.

Champagne Tasting

Guests will blind sample six champagnes from various ages and areas of the world and will then work in teams to establish the country of origin, the grape and vintage year!

Wine and Cheese Tasting

Guests will be invited to sample various different cheeses; selected wines will then accompany these. Some cheeses may complement the wines and guests will have to determine which ones offer the best match.

