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Julia Harding MW Reveals Her 50 Great Portuguese Wines

Friday 15th June 2012: Julia Harding MW is unveiling her selection of 50 Great Portuguese Wines at an event in London today.

Julia, who won 'Journalist of the Year' at the Portuguese Wine Awards in 2011, has spent the past year tasting her way around Portugal to find her ultimate top 50 wines. Her selection, which she describes as "wines I want to enjoy over the course of an evening and share with friends, not wines for sipping and spitting," is made up of wines made exclusively from Portuguese grape varieties.

Visitors to the tasting, which is taking place at the South Bank Centre, will be given the opportunity to taste each individual wine from the collection, which features 27 reds, 18 whites, 1 sparkling and 4 fortified wines.

For the first time, consumers are also invited to attend a special event in the evening where they have the chance to taste Julia's selection of wines and sample some Portuguese canapés, to the sounds of some traditional Portuguese music.

Julia Harding's 50 Great Portuguese Wines will also be showcased at events in Manchester and Edinburgh next week. Those wishing to attend should email winesofportugal@cubecom.co.uk for more details.

Now in its eighth year, the event aims to promote the sheer breadth and quality of Portuguese wines. Nuno Vale, Marketing Director at Wines of Portugal, says: "Our annual 50 Great Portuguese Wines tasting continues to be a success and the event offers us a fantastic way of demonstrating the quality and diversity of our country's wines. Julia's selection proves that Portugal can really compete in the UK marketplace and has the ability to produce world-class wines."

Julia Harding MW says: "This is just the tip of the iceberg but, if I have done my job well, these 50 wines represent the glorious depth and breadth of Portugal's wine world. The synergy of distinctive and high-quality indigenous grape varieties with the country's dramatic landscape and climate is being creatively expressed by her hard-working and imaginative winegrowers."

The complete list of Julia's 50 Great Portuguese Wines is as follows:

REDS

Valle Pradinhos, Porta Velha 2009 Trás-os-Montes

Quinta Lagoalva de Cima, Grande Escolha Alfrocheiro 2008 Vinho Regional Tejo

Campolargo, Alvarelhão 2011 Bairrada

Quinta dos Barreiros, Gravato Vinhas Velhas 2008 Beira Interior

Filipa Pato, Calcário Tinto 2010 Bairrada

Luis Pato, Quinta da Ribeirinha Pé Franco 2011 Vinho Regional Beiras

Dulcineia dos Santos Ferreira, Sidónio de Sousa Garrafeira 2005 Bairrada

Quinta do Escudial, Vinhas Velhas 2007 Dão

Quinta das Maias Jaen 2008 Dão

Casa da Passarela, Vinhas Velhas 2008 Dão

Julia Kemper, Tinto 2009 Dão

Quinta do Mouro Touriga Nacional 2006 Vinho Regional Alentejano

Esporão, TN Touriga Nacional 2008 Vinho Regional Alentejano

Sonho Lusitano, Pedra e Alma 2009 Vinho Regional Alentejano

Niepoort, Robustus 2007 Douro

Symington Family Estates, Altano Quinta do Ataíde Reserva Touriga Nacional 2008 Douro

Quinta de Chocapalha, CH Touriga Nacional 2008 Vinho Regional Lisboa

Quinta do Noval 2008 Douro

Ramos Pinto, Duas Quintas Reserva 2009 Douro

Quinta do Crasto, Reserva Vinhas Velhas 2009 Douro

Quinta da Gaivosa, Abandonado 2009 Douro

Poeira 2009 Douro

Wine & Soul, Quinta da Manoella VV 2009 Douro

Quinta do Vale Meão 2009 Douro

Quinta do Vallado Sousão 2009 Douro

Quinta da Palmirinha Vinhão 2010 Vinho Verde

Casca Wines, Monte Cascas Ramisco 2009 Colares

SPARKLING

Quinta das Bageiras, Grande Reserve Bruto Natural 2003 Bairrada

WHITES

Biomanz, Dona Fátima Jampal 2011 Vinho Regional Lisboa

Casal Figueira, António 2011 Vinho Regional Lisboa

Filipa Pato, FP 2011 Vinho Regional Beiras

Dominó, Monte das Pratas Branco 2010 Vinho Regional Alentejano

Rui Reguinga, Terrenus 2010 Vinho Regional Alentejano

Fitapreta, Palpite Reserva 2009 Vinho Regional Alentejano

Quinta do Quetzal, Reserva Antão Vaz 2009 Alentejo

Quinta das Maias Malvasia Fina 2011 Dão

Quinta de Saes, Reserva Encruzado 2010 Dão

Quinta da Pellada, Primus 2009 Dão

Vales de Ambrões Avesso 2011 Vinho Verde

Adega de Monção, 2011 Vinho Verde

Quinta de Soalheiro, Primeiras Vinhas Alvarinho 2010 Vinho Verde

Afros, Loureiro 2009 Vinho Verde

Quinta de La Rosa, Branco 2010 Douro

Niepoort, Coche 2010 Douro

Wine & Soul, Guru 2008 Douro

Van Zellers, VZ 2010 Douro

FORTIFIED

Herdade do Mouchão, Mouchão Licoroso Alicante Bouschet 2006 Alentejo R 17.50 2011-19

Casa Agrícola Horácio Simões, Excellent Moscatel Roxo NV Moscatel de Setúbal

Jose Maria da Fonseca, Alambre 20 Year Old Moscatel NV Moscatel de Setúbal

Adriano Tiago, Tiagos Moscatel Superior 1993 Moscatel de Setúbal

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