



Steven Spurrier and Eduardo Chadwick at 67 Pall Mall, London

DECANTER MEN OF THE YEAR LAUNCH “INTO THE FUTURE”

The dynamic duo of Decanter Men of the Year, Steven Spurrier (2017) and Eduardo Chadwick (2018) joined forces in London and Paris last week to host the first “Into the Future” masterclasses showcasing fine wines from Chile and the UK.

This is the start of a new global initiative by Spurrier and Chadwick, who enjoy cultivating and expanding their knowledge of fine wines to wine professionals and enthusiasts. “Into the Future” aims to position and champion Chile and the UK as world class appellations of the future. The London event was held at the exclusive London members only wine club 67 Pall Mall followed the next day by a tasting with Spurrier’s L’Académie du Vin at Le Taillevent Restaurant in Paris.

The seated masterclasses had Eduardo Chadwick presenting a special selection of his top wines from Viña Errazuriz and Viña Seña, while Steven Spurrier showcased the rosé from his

English Sparkling wine vineyard, Bride Valley along two of his favourite English sparkling wines.

The full line up of wines included Viñedo Chadwick (the first 100 Point wine from Chile, James Suckling); Don Maximiano Founder’s Reserve; Kai; Seña; Las Pizarras Chardonnay and Pinot Noir along UK’s finest wines including Bride Valley, Dorset (Spurrier’s wine); Nyetimber, Sussex; Wiston Estate, Sussex.

Georges Lepré, Maître Sommelier, commented: *“Of the seven wines presented, each was perfectly harmonious. I have of course appreciated that the French varieties are part of the assemblages and it was very pleasant to observe that the carmenère was often triumphant (Bordeaux should remember ...). In this impeccable selection I had a special “weakness” for two wines: Viñedo Chadwick 2015 and Don Maximiano 1989 proving that Eduardo’s wines know how to age.”*

Steven Spurrier comments: *“The two “Into the Future” masterclasses showed the same wines, but were very different in presentation. At 67 Pall Mall Eduardo Chadwick and I presented the English and Chilean wines to a sold-out room of the Club’s members, all of whom were as impressed as we had hoped. At Taillevent in Paris gave a brief introduction, but the presentation of the wines was in the hands of Uber-sommelier Georges Lepré and Taillevent wine director Antoine Petrus, in front of a group of merchants and press. Neither M. Lepré nor M. Petrus had ever tasted these wines before and there was no need for them to be polite to their hosts, for the quality was evident in every glass. It is fair to say that in London, this was a confirmation, while in Paris it was a revelation.”*



Steven Spurrier and Eduardo Chadwick at Le Taillevent, Paris



Antoine Petrus, Bernardette Vizios, Steven Spurrier, Eduardo Chadwick and Georges Lepré at Le Taillevent

Eduardo Chadwick summed up the evenings: *“These masterclasses illustrated why the Aconcagua and Maipo valleys from Chile and South of England are increasingly being recognized as the prominent fine wine regions of the future amongst the established world class appellations of the world. It was also very interesting to showcase to wine lovers and wine professionals in London and Paris respectively and to surprise them with the harmony, balance and overall quality of our wines, especially the French sommeliers who are not used to tasting wines from Chile.”*

The two are now looking east and plan to take the masterclasses with a varied selection of top Chilean and English wines to Tokyo and Beijing to showcase these two interesting appellations.