

# The North Hampshire Wine Society Blog



## 'Four Tables' Presenters: Members

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Minimal notes this month since the annual Four Tables meeting is an enjoyable social occasion with members (including your note taker!) enjoying a more informal walkaround tasting. As always, some terrific and unusual wines were provided by the members.

### The wines

#### Whites

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| <b>1. Picpoul de Pinet Domaine Cabrol 2012</b><br>This Languedoc property is 'Terra Vitis' certified sustainable for vine growing and winemaking. Fresh, citrus, a hint of herbs, light palate. A wine for sunshine...                                                               | 13% | £7.99<br>Majestic        |
| <b>2. The Society's Saar Riesling 2011</b><br>Made for the Wine Society by the von Kesselstatt estate (est 1349). Texture, flavour and quality leaps out of the glass. Even some non Riesling fans in the group liked this! Grapey, great balance and some nice development showing. | 11% | £9.50<br>Wine<br>Society |
| <b>3. Domaine Crais 'Les Quatre Vignes' AC Saint Veran 2011/2012</b><br>The two bottles were very different – 2011 a slightly odd nose – possibly not quite clean or just over-developed. 2012 much fresher with a more immediately attractive palate.                               | 13% |                          |
| <b>4. Vinas del Vero Gewurztraminer 2012, Somontano (Spain)</b><br>Massive lifted floral nose, palate similarly intense but <i>light</i> , with lychees and honeysuckle prominent. A tropical Gewurz from the Pyrenees...                                                            | 13% | Majestic                 |

#### Rose

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| <b>5. Chateau de Berne Rose 2012, Cotes de Provence</b><br>Striking and unusual square bottle – immediately enticing! A Grenache/Cinsault blend – 'delicate but delicious' was one comment heard. Crisp, not overly fruity, dry, very typical of Provencal rose. | 13% | Majestic |
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#### Reds

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| <b>6. Clos de Saint S? 2011, Pinot Noir, Burgundy</b><br>Couldn't read my own writing here(!) and no tasting sheet to help me out. My notes say 'bone dry, some alcohol on finish'. A comment on the sometimes 'farmyardy' nature of Pinot Noir was heard - 'all the yard, all the farm...' | 13% |  |
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**7. Errazuriz Carmenere 2011**

13.5%

A familiar label and a very reliable one. My notes say 'blackcurrant leaf nose, coffee bean palate'. Nice mainstream good value Chilean Carmenere with a little oak barrel ageing to round off the structure.

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**8. Tesco Finest Carignan 2012**

Early drinking Carignan from southern France. My notes say 'smooth tannins for this grape'.

Tesco

It's amazing how often the Four Tables evening produces a really complementary selection of wines without the four members involved knowing what the others will be bringing! The whites (and the rose) were particularly interesting and diverse at this Four Tables.

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