



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Raise a glass at the Bristol Wine Fair**

This year's Bristol Wine and Food Fair will champion small, independent wine makers and merchants from around the world. By showcasing wines from some of the most talented producers in the world, visitors will have a rare opportunity to taste and buy quality wines not available in any of the mainstream supermarkets.

Francophiles will be spoilt for choice. Les Clos Perdu will be bringing well balanced wines of the highest quality from their vineyards in the Languedoc region of southern France. Also from the Languedoc comes a group of six select vineyards Communauté d'Agglomération Béziers Méditerranée. From nearby Roussillon, Domaine Treloar is a small boutique family run winery that produces fine hand crafted wines. Maison Yvonnick Debray will be sharing its wins of exceptional character and individuality from the Beaune region of Burgundy. Domaine Chater produces award winning wines from its vineyards nestled in the gently rolling countryside around the historic town of Duras in South West France. And The Love of Wine will be showcasing its luxurious Bordeaux wines, made by a small and unique independent vineyard and winemaker.

Other fine European winemakers will also showing their wares. The exclusive wines of GB Italia U.K come from the caves of the Lo Sardo family of southern Sicily, producing high quality wines in the traditional Sicilian manner. Highlighting Bristol's link with Portugal is M F Enterprises, a small specialised Bristol-based Portuguese wine importer.

If the New World is more to your liking, Cono Sur will be showcasing innovative and premium red and white wines from Chile. Great Wine UK is bringing a distinctive range of high quality handcrafted, award winning wines from Ricketty Bridge Winery, one of South Africa's most progressive boutique wineries. And for a taste of down under, Brown Brothers Wines will be bringing their wines from five different growing regions of North East Victoria, Australia.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to sample a bit of the local flavor, with some top quality English wines. Quoins Organic Vineyard is a Wiltshire vineyard producing quality organic wines, both red and white wines that are produced to the Soil Association and Regional Quality standards. Strawberryhill Vineyard in Gloucestershire has a range of 12 wines, ranging from the familiar Cabernet Sauvignon to some of the lesser known English varieties.

And if you're not sure where you want to stop first, there will be a range of top UK based wine merchants offering quality wines from around the world. Bristol's local wine merchants are well represented, with Averys, Coulters of Clifton, Bristol Wine Company and Corks of Cotham all on hand to share their expertise, and their cellars. Rare and Organic is dedicated to the search for quality food and wine, locating small organic and 'Natural' producers. Badminton Wines sources wines from small-scale producers from around the world, whose main focus is on producing wines of quality and character at a fair price.

For those find inspiration in their glass and would like to know more, a series of wine and cheese master classes will be held throughout the weekend. Experts, including renowned wine expert and writer Susy Atkins and John Avery of Averys of Bristol, will be sharing their thoughts on everything from champagne and sparkling wines to finding the perfect cheese and wine match.

## **Ends**

### ***Ticket information & Opening times:***

Friday 11 July	Day: 12 noon – 4pm	Evening: 5.30pm – 9.30pm
Saturday 12 July	Day: 12 noon – 4pm	Evening: 5.30pm – 9.30pm
Sunday 13 July	Day: 12 noon – 6pm	

Tickets £5 in advance (via website), £7 on the door.

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