

Welcome to the Design Exchange!

Please check that, in addition to this letter, your envelope contains:

1. A list of the wines initially being served this evening, the table at which each will be served, and the number of tickets required per serving (on the back of this page).
2. 40 tickets which can be exchanged for wines.
3. A coloured "1895 Cossart Bual Madeira" voucher, if you ordered this in advance.

If you have attended the Winetasters Christmas Party before, you will already know the format. If you are a newcomer, this paragraph outlines the format. At any time, up to 36 wines will be available, all in limited quantities. For most of the wines listed on the sheet, at least 40 servings are available (sometimes more). Also, to help guide you, red wine names will also be identified with an 'R'; white wines will have a 'W' and dessert wines a 'D'. To sample any of these wines, exchange the appropriate number of tickets at the relevant table for a single serving. As each of the listed wines is consumed a 'mystery wine' will replace it. To help you identify the mystery wines they will all be displayed with a coloured background, while the advertised wines will be on white paper. When a mystery wine is consumed, in turn it will also be replaced. The number of tickets required for the mystery wines will vary according to the original cost. Please note that the servers do NOT know the next mystery wine; it is controlled from the kitchen, so they really can't tell you what the next wine will be.

All wine servings use the same mechanical pourers and are the same size. No half or split portions will be served. If you would like a double serving of a particular wine, this is possible, but please allow time for others to try the wine and go for the second serving later in the evening.

The special 1895 Cossart Bual Madeira will be served on request at the reception table. The servings will be kept in the kitchen and brought out in a separate glass as requested. You may request these at any time, but please avoid the initial rush when people are arriving. If you didn't order this in advance, it may still be available. Check at reception. Additional tickets are also available at the reception table to those people exhibiting reasonable sobriety!

In previous years we have received requests for empty bottles. We cannot do this, as the bottles are required for a count by the venue (and corkage charges). If you stay and help us tidy up, we may be able to provide bottles at about 10:30 after everything is packed up and completed, but we can't promise.

Last, and by no means least, please relax and enjoy the evening. Mingle with your fellow WINETASTERS; and, if you are driving, ensure your consumption reflects this. The directors wish you a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to renewing wine-tasting pleasures in the New Year. If you have any comments or suggestions either on the Christmas Party or other activities, feel free to drop us a line, or make notes overleaf and drop it off at Reception.

PLEASE RE-USE THE SAME GLASS ALL EVENING AND RETURN IT TO US AT THE END. THANK YOU.