

Nick Dobson Wines

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Tasting Events – Policy

I am happy to consider presenting one or more of my ranges of wine at tasting events, normally for bona fide Wine Societies or Clubs at their own premises. Normally the format of these events would be a presentation, possibly based around a slideshow, of the region concerned and the wines being tasted, given in parallel with the tasting. The focus of the event content is the wines, the winemakers and the regions concerned, rather than with tasting technique, as it is assumed this is already well-understood.

My participation in such events is subject to the following guidelines:-

- The location of the event should be within a reasonable travelling distance of Wokingham.
- Wine provided is chargeable at standard bottle prices and is not subject to any discounts.
- Quantity - a minimum purchase requirement of £250 (including VAT) applies per event, subject to periodic review.
- Wine selection - the organiser can choose wines from my range, or I can suggest a list of wines according to the theme of the event, as the organiser prefers.
- Tasting notes for the wines chosen will be supplied in advance by email, and the organiser is responsible for printing sufficient copies for the event. I can print these if required (in black and white) but there will be a charge to cover materials and time, quantity-dependent but subject to a minimum of £10+VAT.
- Expected attendance at the event should be at least 20 people.
- The event organiser is responsible for providing the venue, electricity supply, glasses, spittoons, any food required, and all ancillary equipment, and for opening bottles and pouring the wine at the event.
- The venue should have convenient parking for loading/unloading.
- In addition to the wines ordered for the event, sufficient spare wines will, where stocks permit, be brought as contingency against unexpected extra demand or defective bottles.
- I reserve the right to make a charge for participation in events, which would reflect my time spent preparing for the event (which can be considerable), travelling and attendance. The charge is subject to individual negotiation with the event organiser. No charge would normally be made where the amount of wine purchased for the event exceeded £500 inc VAT. This is subject to periodic review.
- Travelling expenses are chargeable, based on a mileage rate of 55p per mile, subject to periodic review. Travel costs are subject to VAT.
- Any ancillary costs such as, but not limited to, accommodation, parking, tolls, congestion charge etc. are chargeable at cost. VAT may apply to such charges.
- Licensing - following the introduction of the Licensing Act 2003, tasting events are subject to compliance with licensing legislation. I have a personal licence to sell alcohol by retail but tastings are undertaken on the strict understanding that it remains the responsibility of the organiser to ensure that either a premises licence, club certificate, temporary event notice, or other legal device is in place where this is necessary, and that documentary evidence is available to show this.
- It is advisable to plan the event some way in advance, as my diary is often fairly full 2-3 months ahead.

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For more information, contact:

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Nick Dobson Wines - Tasting Event Enquiry Form

Please complete the form below and FAX back to me on 0870 4602358,
or scan and email to nick.dobson@nickdobsonwines.co.uk

Name of enquirer:-

Address for communication:-

Phone numbers (landline/mobile):-

Email address:-

Alternative contact info (e.g. 2nd contact person):-

Society/Organisation represented:-

Venue for proposed event (full postal address inc postcode):-

Date of proposed event:-

Times (access/event start/event finish):-

Number of attendees:-

Theme (e.g. country/grape variety/style):-

Number of wines/number of bottles of each/budget per bottle:-

Split Sparkling/White/Rosé/Red/Dessert:-

Any other relevant information:-

I have read and understand the policy document dated January 2010 relating to tasting events.

Signed

Date