

Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere Tasting



Date	:	Thursday, 24 th November 2016
Time	:	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue	:	12/F Hong Kong Wine Vault (Wong Chuk Hang)
No. of Attendees	:	60
Wines Tasted	:	Clos Marsalette Blanc 2014 Clos Marsalette Rouge 2013 Chateau d'Aiguihe 2012 Clos de l'Oratoire 2011 Clos de l'Oratoire 2008 Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere 2011 Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere 2008 Chateau La Mondotte 2006



Von Neipperg Family, established in the 12th century in Germany's northern Württemberg Valley, the von Neipperg earldom comprised some thirty villages and market towns, including Schwaigern, which remains the family seat to this day. Ennobled during the Holy Roman Empire, the von Neipperg family served the imperial

family of Austria starting in the 16th century, contributing officers and diplomats for many years. The family has made wine in Germany since the 13th century, and viticulture has never stopped being a central part of their life. The custodian of some 800 years of winegrowing tradition, the talented Stephan von Neipperg manages the Bordeaux estates acquired by his family in 1971. Ably assisted by a team of professionals, he has brought the wines from these châteaux to the pinnacle of quality. Residing in Saint-Emilion since 1983, Stephan von Neipperg and his wife, Sigweis, have devoted themselves tirelessly to perpetuating the family tradition at their various estates of Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere, d'Aiguilhe, Clos de l'Oratoire, La Mondotte in Saint-Emilion and Clos Marsalette in Pessac Leognan. The next generation is committed to this same goal... and shares a profound respect for the terroir.



(from left to right, Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere, La Mondotte and Clos de l'Oratoire)

Château Canon La Gaffelière is one of the fourteen **Premiers grands crus classés B**. Located at the outskirts of the medieval town of Saint-Emilion, acquired by The von Neipperg family in 1971. The average amount of Merlot is 70% in Saint-Émilion which contributes roundness and opulence, and the high percentage of Cabernet Franc is unquestionably well-adapted to the estate's warm soil. This variety provides an exquisite bouquet with spicy, floral overtones, as well as power and aromatic complexity.

Château d'Aiguilhe is located in Côtes de Castillon Bordeaux appellation, east of Saint-Émilion. The minerals in the clay-limestone soil account for a wine of both power and finesse in which the roundness of Merlot (80%) marries beautifully with the concentration and complexity of Cabernet Franc (20%). This powerful wine reflects its terroir with intensity and panache. Vigorous and fruity, it is a favorite of people who love wines of character.



Respect for the terroir naturally carries over to the cellar. In order to retain their inherent goodness, the grapes are not crushed. They go directly into vat via gravity flow and fruit from each plot is kept separate.

Clos de l'Oratoire, located on Saint-Émilion 's north-east slope. It's terroir is ideally suited to the blend of Merlot (90%), Cabernet Franc (5%), and Cabernet Sauvignon (5%) grapes. Merlot contributes roundness and opulence to the wine, whereas Cabernet Franc is responsible for power, aromatic complexity, and length. **Clos de l'Oratoire** is a smooth, soft, very seductive wine, with an attractive roundness and well-integrated fruity aromas. Although enjoyable young, it ages extremely well. It provides enormous pleasure and has a wonderful texture.

Clos Marsalette is located in the commune of Martillac in the Pessac-Léognan appellation. The special care on selecting rootstock, rigorous pruning, and green harvesting are result in naturally low yields, only 1,500 cases production per vintage.

The elegant, fresh **Clos Marsalette Blanc** is well-balanced on the palate with a lovely, complex aftertaste. For **Clos Marsalette Rouge** is aged up to 18 months in barrel are fruity and well-balanced; acquire the typical elegance of the Pessac-Léognan appellation after a few years in bottle.

One of the fourteen **Premiers Grands Crus Classés B**, **La Mondotte** is located just east of the Saint-Émilion limestone plateau. The terroir, age of the vines, and infinite attention paid to viticulture and oenology, combine to produce truly great wine. **La Mondotte** has remarkable ageing potential. It is an extremely concentrated, well-structured wine with a long aftertaste, very deep color, and superb balance. It is profoundly marked by its soil.



It was our great pleasure to have Ms. Magali Malet (left), from the Chateau to present their premium wines to us.

Clos Marsalette Blanc 2014

A blend of 70% Sauvignon Blanc and 30% Semillon – It shows a more vibrant nose of lemon,

passionfruit and freshness. Soft and crisp acidity gives the wine an attractive and nicely balanced.

Clos Marsalette Rouge 2013

A blend of 55% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Cabernet Franc – The 2013 Clos Marsalette exhibits the aromas of blackberries and tobacco on the nose. Soft, licorice and silky tannin with an overall expression of harmony and balance.

Chateau d'Aiguihe 2012

A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc – It appears dark ruby color along with the expressive notes of spicy, black cherries and smoky. The palate is medium to full-bodied, plum, good concentration and finesse. Drinking beautifully now!

Clos de l'Oratoire 2011

A blend of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc -- It shows a musky aromas of black cherries, herbs and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, rich, spicy, ripe tannin with gorgeous texture and excellent length on the finish!

Clos de l'Oratoire 2008

A blend of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc – It displays a dense plum/purple color accompanied by the beautiful nose of blackberries, plum, smoky and licorice characters. Medium to full-bodied, elegant, ripe tannin that are well integrated and wonderful finesse.

Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere 2011

A blend of 60% Merlot, 32% Cabernet Franc and 8% Cabernet Sauvignon -- This 2011 reveals the musky aromas of blackcurrants, plum, earthy and a touch of floral on the nose. Medium weight, chocolate, spicy, well-structured and complex with lengthy finish goes on and on.

Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere 2008

A blend of 55% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon -- It appears intense color, nose with lots of developments, black fruit flavors, plums, herbs and a hint of toasty oak. Concentrated, opulence textured, sweet tannin and subtle spicy at the end taste.

Chateau La Mondotte 2006

A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc – The 2006 La Mondotte offers up a succession of delicate aromas of herbs, licorice, crème de cassis and a touch of floral notes. Full-bodied, rich, finesse, amazingly concentrated along with refined tannin and layered-textures. Delicious, brilliant finish!