

WLu3a Wine Appreciation Group

Meeting 22 July 2026

We did it! Achieved a clear score of 10+ for one of our wines!



Our subject this week was Portuguese Wines which would usually turn one's mind to actual Port. Feuerdheerd's Anchor Port being one such and excellent it is too, but that was not what was on offer! We had Feuerdheerd's Anchor Wine Reserva Duoro DOC which was adjudged excellent. It tasted, among other things, like a light Port. This is unsurprising as the wine is aged for 12 months in old Port barrels. It also came in a beautifully presented bottle. Most expressed an intention of hotfooting it to Sainsbury's to acquire some more.

Unusually we had a couple more 10 score wines, a Chateau de Ravatys Brouilly and a Chardonnay from the same vineyard. Both scored very highly – 10+ but were disqualified as they were French. Joyce had travelled to Beaujolais to collect them for us, or was she just on holiday? So nice, though, that a fine tasting wine at the vineyard tasted just as good when brought home.

We had a some more high scoring offerings, a Porta 6 and a Galodoro Reserva each scored a sound 9. Interestingly a 'Portuguese Rose' (Mateus Rose lookalike) and a Vinho Verdi were both liked as a light, refreshing drink. So, we had some very nice wines, balanced by an unfortunate Mimo Moutinho 'Red Wine of Portugal' which barely scored 2 on your reporter's somewhat partial scoring system.

Some of our members indicated they were not fully confident in my scoring, but it was pointed out that it was my pen, my paper and my score so how could there be any disagreement? Happy to provide a replacement pen and paper if.....

We were greatly relieved to receive news from Bob, who, having exhausted the hospitality of all three Leicester hospitals and that of Tracey, his daughter, has returned home and hopes to be at our next meeting. Now we must hope that Pat will make good progress and be able to join us.

Conversation turned to local matters, planning – where lots of houses are proposed and whether their siting is appropriate. It was felt it did not matter as the Government imposed realignment of Council boundaries would make all things easier, better and more cost effective. We would not be encouraged to comment, let alone object to any proposals as a totally remote entity, who has no idea where Newbold, Desford, let alone the villages are, would know better and make decisions to our benefit. OK, rant over.

Holidays, as always, featured in our discussions. Cycling in Vietnam, spotting a cheetah in South Africa (there are only 2 apparently), proposed trips to Puerto Rico, not to say parking at the London Airports which is apparently an adventure in itself.

On the subject of relaxation, Margaret enquired of her Parish Councillor whether a memorial type bench could be installed on the sports ground. We were not sure whether she was addressing her own mortality or just wanted somewhere to sit.

Once the jokes started coming out, albeit from only a few of our number, we realised we were missing a great resource in not expanding our scope by asking each of our members to bring at least one joke to our next meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, I would like to read Joyce's book by Fred Sirieix, I think one of our members has it, so if you have finished with it I wonder if you could bring it to our next meeting, please?

The theme next time – Wednesday August 26th at 7.30pm will be South African wines. Plus a joke.

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