

## **Wine Group Forum Report January 2024**

It has been a frustrating start to the year. Following our regular Christmas 'Bring a Bottle' session (interesting choices as ever) we were preparing to set off for the January meeting at John and Stella's when the snow set in. It was a shame as the occasion was to feature six heavily-reduced French wines from Majestic's New Year Sale. We have rearranged the session for February 27<sup>th</sup>, but of course the sale will be long finished by the time we make our judgements!

Our group has now been meeting since November 2015, so I calculate that we have tasted more than 600 wines featuring nearly 100 different grapes; we have 'visited' almost all wine-producing countries (yes, even China and India); members have endured over 100 quizzes. It has been a time of great change around the world, with global warming contributing to major opportunities for the 'English' wine movement (a term that is used to encompass all countries of the UK). We enter our tenth year of meeting with hopes for further discoveries and delights!

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