

U3A Forum Report for Wine Group, September 2020

Unfortunately the recent changes in Covid advice make it even less likely that our Wine Group meetings will be resuming in the near future. In case any readers wonder what they (and we, recently) have been missing, here is one of our past quizzes for you to tackle – no prizes, but I will put the answers in the October edition. Feel free to accompany your efforts with a drop of something suitable: perhaps a New Zealand white or Camel Valley sparkling rose if you are feeling flush. Existing members may find the quiz an interesting test of their memories!

1. A Roman Man who discovered that his wife had partaken of a glass of his best Falernian wine without his permission could:
 - a) Divorce her on the spot
 - b) kill her
 - c) fine her family an extravagant amount of money

2. Why did the Ancient Egyptians generally not like red wine?
 - a) they weren't good at making it
 - b) it was often diseased
 - c) they thought it was blood of dead heroes

3. The world's biggest red-wine consuming country in terms of total volume consumed is currently:
 - a) France
 - b) China
 - c) USA

4. Which country drinks the most wine per capita?
 - a) Italy
 - b) Vatican City
 - c) Luxembourg

5. How many grapes does it take to make one typical bottle of wine? Just over:
 - a) 0.1 Kg
 - b) 1 kg
 - c) 10kg of grapes

6. Which country is the leading producer of corks for the wine industry?
 - a) Portugal
 - b) The Gambia
 - c) Austria

7. Prince Charles uses surplus red wine to:
 - a) fertilise his roses
 - b) convert into Highgrove jam
 - c) power his vintage Aston Martin

8. In the 1860s Queen Victoria endorsed 'Vin Mariani', a French produced blend of wine and:
 - a) cocaine
 - b) parsley
 - c) calvados

9. 'Cobra Blood', a popular drink in Vietnam features rice wine mixed with:
 - a) cobra's blood
 - b) French red wine
 - c) blackcurrant juice

10. Which law was passed by the Mayor of Chateauneuf-du-Pape in 1954?
 - a) only local vineyards could claim to produce 'Chateauneuf-du-Pape' wines
 - b) only red wines could achieve the top classification there
 - c) UFOs must not pass over or land on the local vineyards.

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