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VINTAGE FESTIVAL

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THE SHOW MUST GO ON...LINE

Welcome to the first Virtual Vintage Festival – our greatest wine party brought to you in the comfort of your own home

Last year it finally happened ... after 41 consecutive years we had to cancel our Vintage Festival. "Don't worry, we'll be back in 2021," we said. The Festival is indeed here again ... but it's happening under many roofs, not just one. Hats off to the team for pulling it all together. Our online events began only a few months ago and now here's our biggest tip: order from the selection of interactive tasting cases ... they're your access-all-areas pass to all the Festival has to offer. You'll find the full list of events featuring these wines on p14 of this brochure.

Here's to wine bringing us together even when we're apart.

Cheers!

Tony Laithwaite

Tony Laithwaite, CBE
Founder



Welcome to our first Virtual Vintage Festival. Yes I know, you can't 'virtually' taste wine, and we should be milling about in Fishmongers Hall, but there's an awful lot of fun and a chunk of useful knowledge, tips, wheezes, and bargains to be had at the get-together we're planning.

Favourite winemakers introducing their best bottles, interactive tastings, films, fine wines and of course plenty of opportunities to cast your votes. There are new experiences too, courtesy of our digital wizards – live streams and more.

Wine, I'm happy to admit, plays a bigger part in my life than ever during this long crisis. I'm virtually travelling the world glass in hand. Join the party and I'll see you there.

Hugh Johnson

Hugh Johnson OBE,
Sunday Times Wine
Club President



YOUR SHOW HOSTS

Introducing your hosts for
our Virtual Vintage Festival –
Will Lyons and Amelia Singer

WILL LYONS

Will is The Sunday Times wine columnist and Vice President of The Sunday Times Wine Club. Described by The Spectator as having one of the finest palates in Britain, he is an author and broadcaster whose writing has been recognized in both the Glenfiddich and Roederer Wine Writers' Awards.

AMELIA SINGER

Having worked in wineries in Bordeaux, Rioja and Chile, Amelia is now an award-winning wine educator and communicator. She also thinks wine is a lens through which we can see the entire world and has a keen interest in pairing music with wine.



HOW TO BOOK THREE EASY STEPS

- 1 Visit us at laithwaites.co.uk/virtualvintagefestival
- 2 To sign up for the Festival, either purchase one of our Interactive Festival Cases or a General Entry Ticket for just £10 per household.
- 3 Relax as we confirm all the details to you by email and send your joining instructions so you're ready when the Festival opens.

SAVE 20% ON YOUR VACU VIN WINE SAVER

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Add a Vacu Vin Wine Saver when you order any interactive festival case and SAVE 20%. That means you pay just £11.99 for an ingenious way of keeping your wines fresh through the Virtual Vintage Festival – and beyond.

Order code: S10142



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WORLD OF WINE



FINE WINE



CRAFT BEERS

MEET THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE WINES

1. BARÓN DE BARBÓN RESERVA

Mellow, oak-aged Rioja Reserva from an officially 'very good' vintage crafted by Javier Murúa, 3rd generation winemaker at his family's estate in Alavesa.



2. DON CAYETANO CHARDONNAY

Refreshing 'modern' Chardonnay made by Nicolas Bizzarri at a Colchagua cellar voted Chile's 'Winery of the Year' an impressive four times.



3. COLLEZIONE DI PAOLO CHIANTI RISERVA

Chianti is one of Italy's great classic reds and this silky, aged Riserva hails from Paolo Masi's beautiful estate in the hills of Rufina.



4. HUNTER'S SAUVIGNON BLANC

Jane Hunter is one of the icons of New Zealand wine and her Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc has become the most awarded in our range.



5. REDHEADS MC1R BLONDE

Multi-medalled blend of three white grapes from Australia's Adelaide Hills made by Alex Trescowthick and the rule-breakers at the RedHeads Wine.



6. ROYAL TOKAJI DRY FURMINT SPECIAL RESERVE

From winemaker Zoltán Kovács and a winery that's the brainchild of Hugh Johnson comes this thrilling, bone-dry, spicy white made from Hungary's Furmint grape.



7. COLINE D'ENIRA

A cru classé-style red blend made at the Bulgarian estate of Saint-Emilion luminary, Count Stephan von Neipperg. Drinking deliciously after five years' ageing.



8. SPOTLIGHT VERMENTINO

Bob Berton is an old friend from Down Under, but he still surprises us with his wines, like this food friendly Vermentino.



9. HJ FABRE RESERVADO MALBEC CABERNET FRANC

Hervé Fabre made this Malbec-led Mendoza blend in the same year he was awarded the accolade of Argentina's 'Winemaker of the Year'.



10. CHATEAU DE COLOMBE CASTILLON

Velvety, 'drink me now' Bordeaux made by Jean-Marc Sauboua at a tiny estate just across the slope from some of Saint-Emilion's Grand Crus.



11. FORTISSIMO

Three Gold medals and counting for this new Portuguese Black Red, made by Diogo Sepúlveda at the historic Casa Santos Lima estate.



12. QUEEN BEE VIOGNIER

Vioigner has been flying out the cellars this year thanks to examples like this, made by Leon Esterhuizen at a family estate in South Africa's Stellenbosch.



VINTAGE FESTIVAL COLLECTION

Taste your way around the world of wine courtesy of these great winemakers

If we could bottle the essence of the Festival, this case would be it. Twelve wines from all corners of the globe, made by producers we know, love and trust. You may have met them at 'real' Festivals, tasted their wines, shared stories, shaken hands (remember that?).

Friends like Paolo Masi and Bob Berton, who've trekked to London for decades. And Jane Hunter, whose husband, Ernie, introduced the world to New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc; she's a Kiwi legend in her own right now. Then there's Hugh ... champion of Tokaji and the Vintage Festival itself.

Think of this Collection as your personal tour, giving you all-area access to the Festival and its array of interactive events where you can discover more about these wines and the passionate producers who make them. With so many customer

favourites, these cases are likely to be popular, so our advice is to get in quick to ensure you get yours.

VINTAGE FESTIVAL COLLECTIONS

Mix **£182.88** **£119.88** (code M14241)
 All-Reds **£186.88** **£119.88** (code M14278)
 All-Whites **£178.88** **£119.88** (code M14279)

Red and White contains 2 of each. Savings quoted from the individual prices of the wines and glasses.

1st instalment* **£30.00** 12 Bottles + 2 Glasses
 2nd instalment **£89.88** Despatch late March

INCLUDES: 2 Dartington Crystal Glasses and full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th - 17th April

See schedule (pg.14) for events featuring these wines.



SAVE UP TO **£67**



WITH THIS CASE **FULL ACCESS TO FESTIVAL** 15-17 April 2021 **VIRTUAL TASTING NOTES INCLUDED** **TWO DARTINGTON CRYSTAL GLASSES**

*Both instalments must be made on the same debit or credit card. Our standard delivery charge of £7.99, where applicable, will be applied to the first instalment. See p.14 for full terms and conditions.

OUR WORLD OF WINES

1. DON CAYETANO CHARDONNAY

Chile rivals Australia when it comes to making ripe, fruity Chardonnay. This example is crafted by Nicolas Bizzarri at the award-winning Luis Felipe Edwards cellar using only estate-grown grapes.



2. LE PRINCE DE COURTHEZON COTES-DU-RHONE

Our top-selling Côtes-du-Rhône has all the qualities of expensive Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Not surprising, as it's made by Thierry Ferlay at a cellar in Châteauneuf itself, but with fruit from vineyards just outside the famous appellation.



3. VISIONARIO

Giant-of-a-man and 'visionary' winemaker, Alessandro Gallici makes this Gold-medal, restaurant-style classic from a blend of local and international grapes. One sip and you're in Rimini.



4. CABALIE

Ever-smiling Hervé Sabardeil is the genius behind this southern French Grenache, made in the style reputed to satisfy Roman legionaries stationed in Roussillon. Customers love Cabalié's Port-like richness.



5. ALESSANDRO GALlici PROSECCO

Alessandro is Friuli born and bred, so he always gets access to the best local Glera grapes for his signature Prosecco. That's essential as he now crafts bespoke wines bearing his own name after years spent as president of a prestigious winery.



6. SARACOSA ROSSO DI TOSCANA

'Super Tuscan' wines, which are blends of Italy's Sangiovese with international varieties, are some of the world's most expensive bottles. They're also the inspiration for Saracosa, made by Sofia Barbanera at her family's estate.



7. DIDIER CHOPIN CHAMPAGNE BRUT

This Gold-medal Champagne, made by Didier and Karine Chopin on their Marne Valley domaine, is proof that passionate small growers can beat the big brands for quality – and thrash them when it comes to value.



8. LOS HERMANOS MANZANOS OAK-AGED RIOJA

Brothers David and Victor Manzanos learned to make fine Rioja at the family's 200-year-old estate. Now they run it together, brilliantly combining traditional winemaking with a lick of modern panache.



MINI TASTERS COLLECTION

Small bottles, big flavours! A great 'starter' selection that showcases our range



A question we're often asked is: "What are your regular customers drinking right now?" The answer lies in this taster case of 'mini' bottles, featuring some of the most famous names in wine – and some you may not know so well. Together, they're the perfect introduction to what we're all about. And you can taste them with us at the Festival.

Highlights include double-Gold-medal Champagne and an Italian white made in the style that graces restaurant tables in Italy's chic resorts. Pick of the reds is Cabalié from southern France – the wine our customers come back for more than any other. There's no greater guarantee of enjoyment!

MINI TASTER MIX ~~£56.16~~ **£40.00**

1st instalment **£12.00** 8 Bottles + 6 Glasses
2nd instalment **£28.00** Despatch late March

INCLUDES: 6 Festival Tasting Glasses and full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th – 17th April

Order code: N10067



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SPARKLING SIX SELECTION

Fabulous fizz in all shades – chill, pop, pour and enjoy with us!

Make sure you have these six bottles chilled and ready to go when the Festival opens. English sparklers match Champagne for quality these days as shown by Barbara Laithwaite's double-Gold Wyfold 2014, made to celebrate Tony's 50th year in wine. Roche Lacour Crémant de Limoux flies the flag for France, while Oriol Rossell is a gently toasty Cava from one of Spain's oldest family estates. Jane Hunter's Miru Miru showcases the exceptional quality of Kiwi fizz, while Jo Nash's The Full Fifteen is a berry-laden RED fizz showing how they do things differently Down Under. Lastly there's a stunning bottle of Il Papavero pink Prosecco.

SPARKLING SIX SELECTION £131.45 ~~£89.00~~

1st instalment £20.00 6 Bottles + 2 Flutes
2nd instalment £69.00 Despatch late March

INCLUDES: 2 Dartington Crystal Flutes and full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival on the 15th – 17th April

Order code: X12188

Both instalments must be made on the same debit or credit card. Our standard delivery charge of £7.99, where applicable, will be applied to the first instalment. See p.14 for full terms and conditions.



INCLUDES 2 DARTINGTON CRYSTAL FLUTES

WHAT'S ON

UNBOXING THE FESTIVAL SPARKLING SIX SELECTION WITH OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS

Part 1: Thursday 6:20pm & Part 2: Saturday 5:05pm

Taste along with our panel of experts Amelia Singer and Will Lyons as they talk through different styles of sparkling wine.



PORT

Port is a Christmas essential, but here are two selections that might persuade you to reach for a bottle at any time of year. Both are from Andresen, one of the last family-owned Port houses. First up, a Late Bottled Vintage Port, already aged in barrel and whose masses of sweet, brambly fruit are ideal with an after-dinner cheeseboard. Then there's a golden white Port, aged for 10 years for a sweet, nutty, dried fruit complexity. Chilled on its own or over ice, it's a divine summer apéritif and perfect partner to a sweet dessert.

ANDRESEN PORT DUO 2 Bottles ~~£31.98~~ £28.78

1st instalment £12.00 Despatch
2nd instalment £16.78 late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th – 17th April

Order code: F10282



ANDRESEN 40 YEAR OLD TAWNY PORT

40 YEAR TAWNY PORT 1 Bottle £60.00

1st instalment £12.00 Despatch
2nd instalment £48.00 late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th – 17th April

Order code: Q07030



A rare masterpiece from Andresen – a Tawny Port that has spent four decades slowly maturing in small oak casks in the depths of their cellars. Now at last you can enjoy its mesmerising qualities – and we recommend you save it for a special occasion. Expect aromas of dried figs, candied peel, muscovado sugar and nuts.

On the palate, it's mouthfilling, smooth and rich with dark dried fruit and nutty flavours. Serve alongside a roaring fire with cheese, almonds and dried fruit.

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MEET THE MAKER

PORT - NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS

Thursday, 8:20pm

Tune in as our wine buyer and Port enthusiast Samuel Fishlock engages in lively conversation with Carlos dos Santos Flores owner of Andresen Port and tastes all three above.



FINE WINE TASTERS

AN EXCLUSIVE TASTING WITH A BORDEAUX LEGEND

It's our privilege to host Olivier Bernard, owner of Grand Cru Classé Domaine de Chevalier, as he presents three of his wines. You'll taste two of the estate's second wines, Esprit de Chevalier Blanc 2016 and Esprit de Chevalier 2017, before Domaine de Chevalier itself - Olivier's top wine, from the exceptional 2018 vintage (awarded 99 points by James Suckling).



BORDEAUX TRIO 3 x 37.5cl bottles **£72.98**

1st instalment **£20.00** Despatch
2nd instalment **£52.98** late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival on the 15th - 17th April

Order code: J10272

Both instalments must be made on the same debit or credit card. Our standard delivery charge of £7.99, where applicable, will be applied to the first instalment. See p.14 for full terms and conditions.

BORDEAUX TASTING

Domaine de Chevalier, Thursday, 6:55pm

Will Lyons hosts a tasting with Olivier Bernard, owner of Domaine de Chevalier flagship estate for the dry whites of Bordeaux.



THREE SIGNATURE CHAMPAGNES, ONE UNFORGETTABLE TASTING

This case of signature cuvées from three iconic Champagne houses is your key to a fine wine experience no fizz fan will want to miss. Ethan Boroian leads a personal tasting of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial, and Ruinart Blanc de Blancs; focusing on the heritage of each Champagne and helping you delight in their individual characteristics.



CHAMPAGNE TRIO 3 x 37.5cl bottles **£82.00**

1st instalment **£20.00** Despatch
2nd instalment **£62.00** late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th - 17th April

Order code: J10271

CHAMPAGNE TASTING

Champagne, Saturday, 5:25pm

Join Will Lyons and Ethan Boroian as they discuss these three signature cuvées.



BREW REPUBLIC

BRINGING THE TAPROOM TO YOUR FRONT ROOM

Join Jared and Andy from Brew Republic and two top independent breweries for a journey into the world of craft beer.

You'll taste six different craft beers, including a beer produced exclusively for the Virtual Vintage Festival! Meet the brewers at Orbit Brewery and Anspach & Hobday, see the breweries where they are made, and join us for a quiz.

Drink independent. Support the movement.

BREW REPUBLIC

6 bottles/cans

£25.00

1st instalment **£12.00**

Despatch

2nd instalment **£13.00**

early April

INCLUDES: Two glasses and full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th - 17th April

Order code: Q07061



Both instalments must be made on the same debit or credit card. Our standard delivery charge of £7.99, where applicable, will be applied to the first instalment. See p.14 for full terms and conditions.



MEET THE BREWER

JOIN THE REPUBLIC!

Friday, 6:05pm

Happy (half) Hour with Brew Republic - Join Jared and Andy with Orbit Beers and Anspach & Hobday breweries for an interactive beer tasting with quiz, prize giveaways and much more.





THE SPIRITS VAULT

Fans of rum, single malt whisky, gin and vodka ... step this way

At our 'in-the-flesh' festivals, the stalls of spirits producers were some of the busiest of the lot. Not surprising because around the world – particularly in the UK – gifted distillers are producing ever more exciting choices for spirit lovers. Like top winemakers, the artisans behind these tipples are restless souls, constantly striving to create the finest spirits to drink solo or mix into cocktails. With so many delicious options, let us guide you through the ranges of our favourite producers.

GIN & VODKA TASTING & COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS

Friday, 7:50pm

Join Amelia Singer for a masterclass in cocktail making with Sipsmith and Chase.



TASTE THE VERY BEST OF BRITISH BOUTIQUE GIN AND VODKA

Spirit lovers have had plenty to celebrate with the recent rise of small-scale British producers making premium spirits with traditional methods. Sipsmith Gin is a great example and their London Dry, which uses 10 botanicals, is bold, complex and super smooth. Then there's Chase, based at a family farm in Herefordshire and makers of this premium potato vodka – voted the 'World's Best Vodka' at the San Francisco Spirits Competition.

SPIRIT TASTING DUO

£28.98

1st instalment* £12.00 2 Bottles (20cl and 35cl)
2nd instalment £16.98 Despatch late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th – 17th April

Order code: F10289



RUSTLE UP A GREAT RUM COCKTAIL

To make its award-winning rums, Plantation uses special double maturation – ageing in bourbon casks in Barbados, then in Cognac barrels in France. Enjoy five Plantation rums and learn how to mix like a master with this set of five rums (5cl each) plus mixers and cocktail ingredients.

RUM TASTING KIT

£34.95

1st instalment* £12.00 5 x 5cl + Mixers
2nd instalment £22.95 Despatch late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th – 17th April

Order code: Q07029



SINGLE MALT WHISKIES TO SAVOUR

Founded in 1836, the Glenfarclas distillery is still family owned and continues to make Highland Single Malt Whisky in the traditional Speyside way. Taste your way through their range with this set, which includes five single malt samples (2cl each).

WHISKY TASTING KIT

£59.00

1st instalment* £15.00 5 x 2cl
2nd instalment £44.00 Despatch late March

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual Vintage Festival 15th – 17th April

Order code: Q07028



Savings quoted from the individual prices of the spirits and cocktail ingredients. Both instalments must be made on the same debit or credit card. Our standard delivery charge of £7.99, where applicable, will be applied to the first instalment. See p.14 for full terms and conditions.

WHAT'S ON



RUM RUM RUM Thursday, 7:40pm

Join our live rum tasting, hosted by Paul McFadyen, leading rum expert and Plantation Rum Global Brand Ambassador.

AGED WHISKY - A TASTING THROUGH TIME Saturday 8:25pm

Taste your way through five of Glenfarclas' Highland Single Malt Scotch whiskies with George Grant, 6th Generation of the family.



TONY LAITHWAITE 'DIRECT': MY STORY

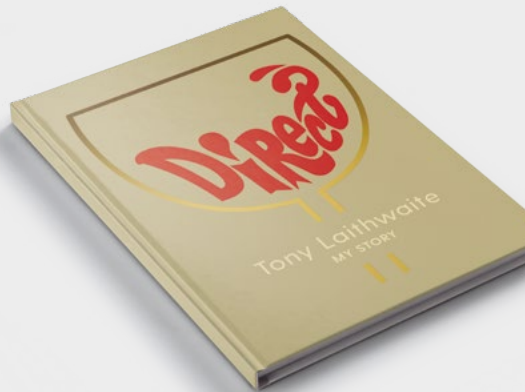
Will Lyons interviews Tony Laithwaite about his evocative memoirs, 'Direct', released in 2019 in celebration of Tony's 50th anniversary in the wine trade. From modest beginnings under a damp railway arch in Windsor to the world's number one home-delivery wine merchant, Tony's story is filled with fascinating, funny and intriguing anecdotes.

'DIRECT': MY STORY

£25

INCLUDES: Full access to the Virtual
Vintage Festival 15th - 17th April

Order code: S10141



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FESTIVAL TIMETABLE THURSDAY 15TH APRIL

- 6:00PM** WELCOME – What's going on
- 6:05PM** FROM WINE ROUNDABOUT TO ROUTE DES VINS
If you're stuck in a rut with the same old grapes, learn to discover new wines and varieties with confidence with Will Lyons.
- 6:20PM** A CELEBRATION OF SPARKLING WINE - Unboxing The Festival Sparkling Six Selection – Part 1
Taste along with our panel of experts, through different styles of sparkling wine and unbox the Festival Sparkling Six Selection.
- 6:40PM** INSIDE THE WINERY
Peep behind the scenes and discover some fascinating winemaker secrets.
- 6:55PM** FINE WINE – BORDEAUX TASTING
Domaine de Chevalier, Pessac-Léognan Grand Cru Classé de Graves.
- 7:25PM** A LIFE IN WINE with Hugh Johnson OBE
Will Lyons interviews world-famous author and Vintage Festival legend Hugh Johnson.
- 7:40PM** RUM! RUM! RUM!
Join our live rum tasting, hosted by Paul McFadyen, leading rum expert.
- 8:10PM** WINE TIMES – Tales and anecdotes from the Old World
Some of our favourite Northern Hemisphere growers, estate owners and winemakers share stories and seasonal updates.
- 8:20PM** PORT – NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS
Tune in as our wine buyer and port enthusiast Samuel Fishlock engages in lively conversation with Carlos Flores of Andresen.
- 8:45PM** 'DIRECT': MY STORY with Tony Laithwaite CBE
Join Will Lyons as he chats to Tony Laithwaite about his evocative memoirs 'Direct: My Story'.

FESTIVAL TIMETABLE FRIDAY 16TH APRIL

- 6:00PM** WELCOME – What's going on
- 6:05PM** BREW REPUBLIC – Bringing the taproom to your front room
Meet the brewers at Orbit Beers and Anspach & Hobday - tour the breweries and join us for a quiz.
- 6:35PM** WINE TIMES – Tales and anecdotes from the New World
Favourite Southern Hemisphere growers, estate owners and winemakers share stories and seasonal updates.
- 6:50PM** FRIDAY'S WINE KITCHEN: Cook and pair with Tom Laithwaite
Don your apron, wash your hands, pre-heat your oven. You're now ready to enjoy our cooking demonstration.
- 7:10PM** WINE & CHEESE.
New twists on a timeless theme
Pull up a pew as we raise the curtain on some mouthwatering wine and cheese combinations.
- 7:35PM** VINEYARD PARTNERS
Introduction to our Vineyard Partners, featuring a Q&A with the Chief Winemaker.
- 7:50PM** SPIRITS VAULT Virtual Gin & Vodka Tasting & Cocktail masterclass
- 8:15PM** REFINE YOUR TASTING SKILLS
A beginners guide to wine tasting.
Enjoy three wines specially chosen to highlight the differences between different styles.
- 8:40PM** SUSTAINABILITY IN WINE
Sustainability, it's the new buzz word. Catch up on the latest news with our award winning eco-winery RedHeads in the Barossa.

FESTIVAL TIMETABLE SATURDAY 17TH APRIL

- 5:00PM** Welcome – What's going on
- 5:05PM** A CELEBRATION OF SPARKLING WINE – Part 2
- 5:25PM** FINE WINE – Champagne Tasting
Join Will Lyons and Ethan Boroian as they discuss these three signature cuvées.
- 5:55PM** THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH SPARKLING WINE with Oz Clarke, OBE
Oz talks to the Laithwaite family about the future of English sparkling wine production.
- 6:25PM** WINE TIMES – Tales and anecdotes from the Old World
Some of our favourite Northern Hemisphere growers, estate owners and winemakers share stories and seasonal updates.
- 6:40PM** SATURDAY'S WINE KITCHEN: Cook and pair with Tom Laithwaite
Featuring a cooking demonstration with wonderful wine pairings.
- 7:05PM** PICNIC PERFECT THIS SPRING WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
Top tips and inspiration for the perfect picnic including ideal wine pairings.
- 7:25PM** A SENSORY EXPERIENCE WITH THE MINISTRY OF TASTE
Join The Ministry of Taste for some fun, thought-provoking and interactive wine tastings.
- 7:55PM** TURN A HOME WINE TASTING EVENT INTO A GOURMET'S DELIGHT with special guests
Top tips and inspirations for creating your own home wine tastings.
- 8:25PM** THE SPIRITS VAULT – Aged whisky - a tasting through time
- 8:55PM** FESTIVAL FINALE

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THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME**

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