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Top wines from latest Lea & Sandeman tasting

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Decanter tastings director Christelle Guibert attends Lea & Sandeman's Autumn Tasting of over 100 wines. Here's her pick of the best.



The Lea & Sandeman Autumn Tasting

A record number of winemakers were welcomed by Lea & Sandeman for their Autumn Tasting, which featured over 100 wines from 15 worldwide producers.

New vintages from well known favourites such as Domaine Delaporte, Salomon (Austria and Australia), Cantine Dei, Sottimano and Fattoria di Magliano were shown. New wines from Domaine des Trinités, Haskell Vineyards and Nittnaus were complemented by staples from their entire ranges.

Many people made a special effort to attend, as harvest begins in their vineyards. Mathieu Delaporte caught the evening Eurostar in order to direct his team of 80 pickers in Sancerre the following morning.

Charles Lea said, "It was the best general tasting event L&S has put on, and so a big thanks to the whole L&S team, the producers who came from far afield and to the customers who came to meet them."

The focus at Lea & Sandeman has always been on small wine producers that make unique and individual wines; frequently purchasing from the grower. These producers often have difficulty in getting their product to market as they cannot keep up with the demand of large retailers.

Domaine Vincent Delaporte, Chavignol, Sancerre Red, France 2013

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Read Decanter's tasting note for Domaine Delaporte, Chavignol, Sancerre Red, France 2013, a succulent, mineral and very food-friendly Pinot Noir.



Producer:

Domaine Vincent Delaporte & Fils

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Domaine Vincent Delaporte, Chavignol, Sancerre Rouge, France 2013

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Long neglected by producers and consumers alike, Sancerre rouge is going through something of a renaissance thanks to a new generation of producers such as Mathieu Delaporte, who joined the family-run domaine five years ago. He has elevated their entire range to another level and this delicate Pinot Noir is perfumed with raspberry and redcurrant. A light bodied, finely textured wine is nevertheless succulent, mineral and very food-friendly.

Alc: 13%

Price: £17.95 Lea & Sandeman

Taster: Christelle Guibert