

La Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester



Welcome

We are pleased that you are joining us at this event and hope that you have an enjoyable time tasting our wines and meeting members of the Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester.



Bordeaux, toujours Bordeaux!

About Us

The Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester received its Charter from Le Grand Conseil de Vins de Bordeaux in March 1988 and has been enjoying and promoting the wines of Bordeaux ever since. Dinners, wine tasting and visits to Bordeaux take place at regular intervals.

The Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester has about 70 members who appreciate the wines of Bordeaux. They are drawn not only from the Greater Manchester area but from throughout the North West.

It is led by Le Maître (literally "The Master") who is appointed by Le Grand Conseil in Bordeaux. Le Maître is supported by a Conseil (Council) of elected members.



Our Functions

Usually five dinners and one lunch are held each year. Each event commences with a Champagne / Crémant reception followed by a four / five course meal matched by the wines of Bordeaux from our own cellar. We also aim to hold at least one tasting event where we show the full range of the wines of Bordeaux – many of which have been provided by the Châteaux.

We visit Bordeaux every two years, enjoying a week's hospitality from vineyards and château owners. It is usually possible for members' partners to come on these trips.

In the years when there is no Bordeaux trip we have a "Weekend in the Lakes" for members and partners in October.

We visit the Royal Northern College of Music in December for a "Night at the Opera"

Summary of Annual Functions

- **Bistro Evening**

Usually held in January each year, this informal member and guest only event is aimed at attracting new members by demonstrating the format of our events and providing an opportunity to enjoy our company and taste our wines in a relaxed environment.

- **Fête de l'Anniversaire**

This annual formal member, partner and guest event held in March celebrates the birthday of La Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester and is often attended by representatives of Le Grand Conseil from Bordeaux.

- **Visit to Bordeaux**

This visit takes place every two years in May.

- **Annual General Meeting**

Early each June members meet to conduct the formal business including electing members to fill any vacancies that have arisen. After the meeting there is a dinner for members.

- **Summer Lunch**

This event, usually held in July, for members, partners and guests is aimed at enjoying our wines whilst benefiting from the English summer weather. Whilst we are unable to guarantee sunshine we can guarantee great wine, good company and fine food!

- **September Tasting**

This event for members, partners and guests features a tasting of wines from our cellar and wines sent from some fine châteaux of Bordeaux. A simple three course supper is served afterwards with matching wines taken from the tasting.

- **Lakes Weekend**

This event takes place usually in October in the years when there is no Bordeaux trip.

- **November Dinner**

This is a formal event for members, partners and guests and demonstrates how the fine wines from Bordeaux can be matched with fine dining and good company to provide an excellent evening's entertainment.

- **A Night at the Opera**

This informal event is held in December at the Royal Northern College of Music. We have a supper with wines and then attend a performance of an opera by the students of the college.

Subscriptions & Fees

There is an annual subscription which is mainly used to purchase recent vintages of wines to replenish the extensive cellar of the Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester to provide wines for future consumption.

Wines drunk at dinners are drawn from the cellar and members pay only for the meal.

Once admitted to the Commanderie, members are provided with a certificate and medal. A joining fee, currently £100, is payable.

The current annual subscription is £300.

Contact Details

If you want further information or you are interested in joining the Commanderie de Bordeaux à Manchester please contact our Secretary by e mail at:-

manchester.commanderie@yahoo.com

Details of past and future events may be found at

www.manchestercommanderie.org

The web site of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux may be found at

www.gcvb.fr