

HKUST ALUMNI WINE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER ISSUE 02



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HKUSTAWA SESSION 2018 - 2020

Let's welcome the new executive committee members!







JENNIFER LUK

PRESIDENT

"Wine moments with HKUST fellows are the most memorable in my wine living so far. Look forward to meeting more UST wine friends!"

CHARLES CHENG

DEPUTY PRESIDENT
TREASURER

"I believe AWA is the welcoming community for wine lovers from HKUST. It's all about sharing. Sharing is caring, right?"

GARY CHAN

VICE PRESIDENT (MEMBERSHIP)

"Wine Tasting is both art and science. Join us and you will know that. Let's enjoy wines and spirits together!"





"So happy to be part of AWA, where I gain deeper understanding about wine appreciation. Look forward to meeting more wine enthusiasts and enjoying wine together!"



DENMAN CHAN

VICE PRESIDENT (EVENTS)

"I love the monthly Pop-Up Happy Hours so much, what's better than popping some good bottles after work? Join us next time!"



PORTIA CHAN

VICE PRESIDENT (MARKETING)

"Time flies when you are having fun! It's amazing looking back at all the events we have organized, glad to part of the team to create this platform to appreciate wine with all the enthusiasts!"







DAVID HO

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (MEMBERSHIP)

"When it comes to enjoying wine tasting, there is no right or wrong. In AWA, I get to drink wines from different vintages and regions, and most importantly, share my wine experience with friends."

JASON LI

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (WELFARE)

"AWA gathers people who love sharing and drinking. We look forward to bringing more benefits to our members and further connect people with wine and spirits!"

VALENA HSU

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (PUBLIC RELATIONS)

"What is better than a good bottle, is a bottle to share with friends and loved ones! Very lucky to be part of the AWA family, with lots of joy and laughter to share."



CHRISTOPHER LUI

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (MARKETING)

"It is my greatest joy to connect UST Alumni with the best drinks in the world - wines. I have strong feeling that AWA will continue to open the world of wines to all UST alumni family! Cheers!"



RYAN LAI

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT (EVENTS)

"AWA is a fabulous platform for UST Alumni, not only to enjoy quality wine but also to meet up new friends and get deeper understanding about the drinks in your glasses. Come join us in coming events, gradually turn yourself into a wine expert!"

Wine Dinner with German Wine Princess

JUNE 03, 2017





Collaborated with Society of Wine Educators Hong Kong Chapter (SWEHK), we had a wonderful dining experience at AnOther Place. Everyone enjoyed delicious food pairing which was prepared by Chef David Myers (Michelin-starred Culinary Creator). It was also our greatest pleasure to have German Wine Princess Christina Schneider at our private wine dinner.

Exclusive Wine Tasting with BANFI Wine Ambassador JULY 26, 2017





Guided by representative of Castello Banfi, the group has tasted six different labels from Banfi, and explored how a winery produces wines of different styles within a region and across different areas in Italy.

Discover Wines for Business Occasions

AUG 31, 2017





Wine always has a place in business occasions! For the same reason, HKUSTAWA and HKUST MBA Alumni Association were here to share some tips on understanding grape varietals, wine-making countries and styles, from the wine list.

Unlock the Mystery of Whisky!

SEPT 26, 2017





Similar to wine, whisky is also a glass of art and science. We have invited founder of Bar Ginger, Mr. Tony Leung, to give us a crash course on the world of whiskies.

HKUSTAWA AGM cum Spring Dinner

FEB 23, 2018





Time flies, and thanks to your support, we have founded HKUSTAWA for one year. During the past year, we have hosted more than 10 events and have engaged with over 300 alumni. We have taken the opportunity to celebrate our small success with fellow members and supportive faculty staff members. We look forward to sharing more joyous moments with you all in the future.

Explore USA Wines with Chateau Ste. Michelle & Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

MAY 24, 2018





Not free for a long-haul trip to Napa? We have brought AWA members and friends a selection of red, white and sparkling wines from Chateau Ste. Michelle and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, some of the most renowned and historic wineries in Washington State and Napa.

Pop Up Happy Hour with HKUSTAWA!













There is always a slot for Happy Hour on a Happy Friday! Like you all, we know how a sip of wine and good company will be great enjoyment after a week of work. Pop Up Happy Hour will be an ongoing event that we will be hosting for the upcoming year. Please feel free to join us in the next ones to come!

HKUST WINE TEAM UPDATES

For 2 years in a row, we've got the HK championship and represented Hong Kong in the Left Bank Bordeaux Cup (LBBC) final competition held in Château Lafite-Rothschild, Bordeaux, France.



From left to right: Joshua, Wilson, Julio, Charles Cheng (coach leader / Deputy President & Treasurer of HKUSTAWA)

From Oct 2017 to Jan 2018, a new HKUST wine team of three members (Joshua Lau, Wilson Lau, Julio Liu) went through a series of training and practices (oh! there is blind tasting in the competition) led by our alumni coach team. The team then participated in LBBC Hong Kong round in Jan 2018 and won their seats to the final competition held in mid-June, competing against teams from Centrale Supélec (France), Harvard Business School (USA), Université Paris-Dauphine (France), University of Edinburgh (UK), University of Oxford (UK), Yale Law School (USA), and, Zhejiang Gongshang University (P.R.C.).

Congratulations to the team again!

To know more about HKUST wine teams, please visit our official website: www.hkustawa.com and our facebook page: HKUSTAWA

If you are interested in supporting future wine teams, please contact us at al_ustawa@connect.ust.hk. Your generous support will be helpful in bringing our fellows special experience during their studies.

WHAT ARE THE NEW OFFERS?

For more details, please visit HKUSTAWA official website

Enoteca



Committed to the brand philosophy "For All Wine Lovers", wine is not just merchandise. It is a lifestyle and culture.

Refusing to compromise on wine quality, wines from Wine Shop Enoteca are with good value and great quality that never disappoint wine lovers.

- Regular Special- Exclusive for our members
- Discount available for orders by fax or email only

GDV Fine Wines®

A well-established wine retailer operating in Hong Kong since 1997. They provide a wide variety of fine wines and premium accessories with the best offers in town.

- 10% off on all products or wines at both retail stores (by presenting membership card) and online store (by applying specific discount code).
- Higher priority in enrolling events held by GDV Fine Wines® such as tasting events in shop/dinner.

Valid until: 31 December, 2018



Wine Recommendation



CVNE Imperial Gran Reserva 1990

A classic Rioja red of 28 years old, but it still has the vibe. Attractive nose of dried red fruits, leather, roasted meat with slight smokiness. Concentrated, complex and still very powerful. Plum, red tobacco and gamy elements, all give you a wonderful experience of maturing Riojas.



Quails' Gate Pinot Noir 2014

Quails' Gate is one of Canada's leading producers of Pinot Noir, producing wines reminiscent of their classic Burgundian counterpart with New World winemaking techniques. Fruit-forward showing red berry fruits, sweet spices, subtle hints of forest floor and earthy character. Soft tannins. Nice with roasted chicken, smoked duck breast or mushroom risotto.

Award:

Silver, WineAlign's National Wine Awards of Canada 2016

*Available at our partnering online wine shop: www.cuvees.com

Interested in joining us?

We offer different kinds of membership for all of you!

FULL MEMBER



\$900 (LIFE-TIME FULL MEMBERSHIP) \$200/YEAR (ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP)

For HKUST Alumni (UG,PG,MBA,EMBA)



ASSOCIATE MEMBER

\$200/YEAR (ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP)

For university staff & other affiliates

STUDENT MEMBER



\$200 ONE OFF FOR YEARS OF STUDY

For current student over 18 years old (UG, PG, MBA, EMBA)

*Upon graduation, eligible alumnus can enjoy \$200 rebate for Life-time Full Membership fee.