

# Gran Orden de Caballeros del Vino

37<sup>th</sup> Investiture Dinner

at The Savoy Hotel, London

on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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## Current Membership of the Gran Orden de Caballeros del Vino

The Gran Orden de Caballeros del Vino was founded in January of 1984. The Order was established to give recognition to those persons in the UK Trade who have shown exceptional endeavour in promoting the quality wines of Spain.

In 1989 the criteria for the Order were extended to encompass members of the industry in Spain who have shown similar commitment on a worldwide basis.

Current members are:

Pablo Álvarez - 2010 Guillermo de Aranzabal - 1995 Tim Atkin MW - 2007 Pedro Ballesteros MW - 2017 Félix Benito - 2000 Richard Bigg - 2020 Marisol Bueno - 2018 Allan Cheesman - 1992 Oz Clarke - 2009 John Comyn - 2004 Peter J Dauthieu - 2018 Philip Diment - 2001 Beltrán Domecq - 2008 Melissa Draycott - 2012 Manuel Durán - 1999 Sarah Jane Evans MW - 2010 José Ferrer Sala - 1992 Simon Field MW - 2015 Christopher Fielden - 1993 Cristina Forner - 2000 Iosé María Gandía Perales - 1996 Mariano García - 2011 Mauricio González-Gordon - 2016 Michael Hall - 2002 Sam & Eddie Hart - 2013 John Hawes - 1986 Andrew Henderson - 1987 Charlotte Hey - 2005 Javier Hidalgo - 2001 Graham Hines - 2008 Julian Jeffs QC - 1997 Hugh Johnson OBE - 1986 Tony Laithwaite CBE - 2007 Peter Lewis - 1986 Monika Linton - 2015 María José López de Heredia - 2014

Abel Lusa - 2012 Pierre Mansour - 2019 Charles Metcalfe - 1997 Manuel Moreno - 1999 Christopher Morgan - 1988 Owen Morgan - 2021 Manuel Muga 2020 Angela Muir MW - 1988 Javier Ochoa - 1998 Ramón Pajares OBE - 1988 Álvaro Palacios - 2006 José Pizarro - 2021 John Carlos Read - 2011 Norrel Robertson MW - 2020 Telmo Rodríguez - 2009 Nick Room - 2006 Philip Rowles - 1991 Antonio Sanz - 2013 María José Sevilla - 2017 Paul Shinnie - 2019 Peter Sisseck - 2021 Pat Straker - 1995 Miguel A. Torres - 1990 José Velo-Rego - 2014 Rod Waite - 1986 Jeremy Watson - 1996 Beth Willard - 2016

Ex Officio Members: Chancellor: Sra. Dña. María Peña Mateos, Chief Executive Officer, ICEX Vice Chancellor: Rafael Ortega Ripoll, Commercial Counsellor, Spanish Embassy Member: Fernando Muñoz, Director Foods & Wines From Spain

### The Evening's Programme

Investiture	- His Excellency D. José Pascual Marco Martínez, The Ambassador of Spain
	- Dña. Elisa Carbonell Martín General Director, ICEX
	- D. Rafael Ortega Ripoll Commercial Counsellor Vice Chancellor of the Gran Orden de Caballeros del Vino
Loyal Toasts	- 'The King' New Caballero
	- 'The King of Spain' New Caballero
Speeches:	
The Gran Orden de Caballeros del Vino	- Dña. Elisa Carbonell Martín General Director, ICEX
Welcome to the guests	- Mrs. Sarah Jane Evans MW Chairman of the Gran Orden de Caballeros del Vino
Closing address	- His Excellency D. José Pascual Marco Martínez, The Ambassador of Spain

#### **DINNER**

#### SALMÓN CURADO A LA MIEL, BLINIS, CAVIAR, PEPINO Y SALSA DE RÁBANO Honey Cured Scottish Salmon, Blinis, Caviar, Cucumber and Horseradish Cream

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PRESA IBÉRICA, PURÉ DE PATATAS, CHORIZO, BRÓCOLI, ROMESCO Y CORTEZAS DE CERDO Iberian Pork Presa, Creamed Potatoes, Chorizo, Grilled Broccoli, Romesco, Crackling

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BIZCOCHO DE ALMENDRA, CARAMELO DE LIMÓN Y HELADO DE ALMENDRA Savoy's Almond Cake, Lemon Caramel and Almond Ice Cream

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#### TÉ, CAFÉ Y DULCES Tea, Coffee and Petits Fours

Acting Executive Chef: Gerald Quadros

*The menu contains allergens If you suffer from a food allergy or intolerance, please advise a member of The Savoy team.* 

#### **WINES**

#### Reception

#### ARS COLLECTA BLANC DE NOIRS GRAN RESERVA 2017 – DO CAVA Codorníu

Predominantly Pinot Noir from Costers del Segre, blended with Trepat from Conca de Barberà and Xarel.lo from the central plain of Penedès. Grapes were gently processed in a pneumatic press and the must fermented in small vats at a constant 17°C, before 35 months ageing in underground cellars. Yields for Ars Collecta were lower than in previous years, with impeccable berry condition and impressive concentration.

Imported by Codorniu UK www.raventoscodorniu.com

#### Investiture

#### LA GITANA EN RAMA – DO MANZANILLA SANLÚCAR DE BARRAMEDA Bodegas Hidalgo La Gitana

Produced from Palomino grapes grown on the white albariza soils of Hidalgo's Balbaina and Miraflores vineyards, La Gitana Manzanilla En Rama is un-fined and only lightly filtered free-run juice. Matured using the traditional 'Criaderas y Solera' process in American oak casks, under a layer of flor for eight years. Intense, complex and balanced on the nose, the wine is crisp and citrusy with a salty tanginess.

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#### Starter

#### ALBARIÑO DE FEFIÑANES 2021 – DO RÍAS BAIXAS Palacio de Fefiñanes

Made from small plots of Albariño in Cambados and its surrounds, this is a classic representation of a racy, salty and elegant wine from the sub-zone of Salnés. It reflects the long winemaking tradition of the Palacio de Fefiñanes, which dates back to the 17th century and honours the brand and label

first registered in the region in 1928.

Imported by Winetraders www.winetraders.co.uk

#### ESTONES DRY PX 2019 – DO TERRA ALTA Estones Vins

From a rare parcel of Pedro Ximénez in Terra Alta. The wine is left on the skins for fermentation and on the lees for 6 months, with no oak used. Quince jelly, honey and dried apricot notes, with an incredible texture and mouth feel.

Imported by Moreno Wines www.morenowines.co.uk

#### Main Course

ÁSTER FINCA EL OTERO 2016 – DO RIBERA DEL DUERO Bodegas Áster

100% Tinta del País from Finca El Otero in Anguix, Burgos. Made only in exceptional vintages, grapes were hand harvested and cold soaked for 9 days before fermentation and transfer to new French oak barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The best barrels were selected and placed in new French oak for 16 months ageing with two traditional style rackings. A powerful and elegant Ribera del Duero to enhance red meat dishes, roast lamb and aged cheeses. Imported by **Armit Wines** www.armitwines.co.uk

#### MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA RESERVA 2017 – DOCa RIOJA Bodegas Marqués de Murrieta

Hailing from the famed Ygay Estate, Marqués de Murrieta Reserva is a blend of Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo and Garnacha. The wine spends 20 months in American oak barrels – the ultimate balance of tradition and modernity from Rioja.

#### Imported by Maisons Marques et Domaines www.mmdltd.com

#### Dessert

#### FINCA ANTIGUA MOSCATEL 2020 – DO LA MANCHA

Familia Martínez Bujanda

Finca Antigua Moscatel is the first sweet wine made by Familia Martínez Bujanda. Moscatel Morisco grapes from the La Cueva plot are sun dried on mats or "paseras" until sugar levels exceed 300g/l, before fermentation in stainless-steel vats.

Finca Antigua, whose name refers to the old vineyards planted when the estate was bought, is an extension of 1,000 hectares at over 900-metres altitude.

Imported by Berkmann Wine Cellars www.berkmann.co.uk

#### Stirrup Cup

#### VALLFORMOSA ORGANIC CAVA RESERVA BRUT 2019 – DO CAVA Vallformosa

Made with classic Cava grapes (40% Xarel.lo, 30% Parellada and 30% Macabeo), grown in vineyard sites over 500 metres above sea level. This organic Cava undergoes first fermentation in tanks, with second fermentation in bottle and an average ageing of 24 months on its lees. Clean and fruity, highlighting aromas of white fruit; soft, creamy and delicate bubbles, with an acidity that gives a long and persistent finish.

Imported by North South Wines www.northsouthwines.co.uk

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#### JAMÓN DE CEBO DE CAMPO 100% IBÉRICO BEHER

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distinct rich, melt in the mouth quality. Imported by **Mevalco** www.mevalco.com

#### ESTRELLA GALICIA INTERNACIONAL

Hijos de Rivera

Established in 1906, Estrella Galicia is Spain's largest family-owned independent brewery. Estrella Galicia is an exceptional and distinctive lager, crafted using a combination of Galician water, bittering hops from Germany, and pilsner malts. It has a golden colour, a light body and a well-balanced sweetness with a bitter finish.

Imported by Greene King Brewing & Brands Ltd

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#### MONDARIZ

Aguas de Mondariz

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#### VICHY CATALÁN

Vichy Catalán

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