

a Taste of Bordeaux in the Philippines

For the first time ever, the Bordeaux Rendezvous, an annual series of wine tastings featuring Bordeaux wines, was held in Manila, the last stop of its Asia tour.

French wine merchants under Bordeaux Rendezvous, keen on raising the French region's profile in Asia, embarked on the tour in the region to mark its fifth year.

The wines from eighteen classified growths from Bordeaux region, the largest wine-producing in France, come care of French wine merchant Barriere Freres in partnership with local wine importers. In the Philippines, we have fine wine importer AWC Philippines to thank for the Rendezvous.

Last February 29, the Bordeaux Rendezvous had its first event in Manila over lunch at Txanton. The French wine ambassadors provided the Philippine media, food and beverage professionals, wine connoisseurs, and private customers with a deeper understanding of Bordeaux, arguably the most important and popular wine region in the world.



This wine event offered a rare opportunity to be introduced to eighteen premium chateaux, or French vineyard estates, whose representatives gave in-depth explanations on their prestigious labels.



During the wine tasting, there were wonderful whites, such as the Chateau Giraud 2002, 2012 and 2014 from Sauternes, and from Pessac-Leognan- the Chateau Malartic-Lagraviere 2010.

They also got to taste superb red wines, bottled in the past decade, from different Bordeaux estates: From Saint Julien- the Chateau Beychevelle 2009 and 2010, the Chateau Lagrange 2005 and 2010, the Chateau Talbot 1996 and 2010; Saint Estephe-Chateau Lafon Rochet 2009 and 2010, the Pauillac-Chateau d' Armhailhac 2010 and 2012, the Chateau Clerc Milon 2009 and 2010, the Chateau Haut-Bages Liberal 2000 and 2010,



the Chateau Pedesclaux 2010 and 2012; Margaux-Chateau Brane-Cantenac 2010 and 2011, the Chateau Durfort-Vivens 2009 and 2010, the Chateau Giscours 2005 and 2010, the Chateau d'Issan 2006 and 2010, the Chateau du Tertre 2005 and 2010; Haut-Medoc-Chateau Cantermerle 2009 and Chateau Cantermerle; Pessac-Leognan- Domaine de Chevalier 2010, the Chateau Malartic-Lagraviere 2008 and 2010; and last but not the least, from Saint Emilion-Chateau Dassault 2000 and 2010.



donned the Barong Tagalog and Terno in an evening of gastronomy and premium wines. The premier wine selection was each paired with the unparalleled culinary offerings of Spiral's 21 dining ateliers

As France's largest controlled wine-growing region, Bordeaux is home to an estimated 10,000 wineries. The wine classifications that they have are often used by many wine lovers around the world to identify the very best wines.

Later in the evening, an unforgettable wine dinner was held at La Veranda, Sofitel Manila, where guests and wine makers

It was such a great honor to toast these finest wines here in Manila, Philippines, and here in Txanton.

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