



Corinium Radio's Oxford Wine Tasting



All the usual suspects tramped eagerly into the Oxford Wine Company's premises in West Way, Cirencester, ready for the fabled Corinium Radio Wine Tasting. And then a whole lot more kept arriving. At only £15 a ticket, the event was sold out despite being held on Valentine's Day Evening - a fact that probably spoke volumes about the calibre of folk attending! However it proved not to be an also-ran for those unlucky in love, but an entertaining and educating romp through the various vineyards that produced the wines on offer, led by the enthusiastic and charming branch manager David Almeida, who hales from Portugal.

He had a hard act to follow, as our favourite wine buff, the very knowledgeable Roger Reid, was taking a back seat that evening, busying himself with filling glasses and handing round the water biscuits to cleanse the palette in between tastings.



David Almeida

David guided us through six different wines; Le Grand Pavillon; Falerio; The Edge; Serie A; Terra d'Alter; Triquet Premier Grives and Robin Oatley with great style and finesse. He encouraged us to appreciate the colour, clarity and aroma as well as the taste, and advised us which wines went best with different types of food.

He skilfully extracted squeals of disbelief as he wowed us with the modest prices, ranging from £8.40 to £12.99 of these quality wines, proving that the good life is not beyond the reach of the average person, even if just for a treat on a special occasion.

This was a fund raising event for Corinium Radio, the Voice of Cirencester, who are aiming to raise enough funds over the next couple of years to broadcast on a regular basis. Corinium Radio is a community project run completely by volunteers. If you want to find out more, please go to www.coriniumradio.co.uk