



2011 Bordeaux Review & Preparing for Vinexpo

Jeannie returns from Bordeaux en primeur 2011 with exclusive **reviews and ratings** of the vintage. **Sweet wines** steal the show; owing to the profuse botrytis, these wines had a high level of consistency in all classifications. Hail storms, droughts and erratic weather conditions in 2011 made it a **challenging vintage** for the vigneronns of Bordeaux. Follow the updates on each appellation during Jeannie's trip, including interviews with key wine personalities in Bordeaux.

PREPARING FOR VINEXPO



Vinexpo Asia-Pacific 2012 will return to Hong Kong after a resounding success in 2010, when the event garnered 882 exhibitors from 35 countries and 12,617 exclusively professional visitors. Among the highlights of Asian Palate's upcoming events includes a **masterclass and vertical tasting of Vina Sena's** eight great vintages conducted by owner Eduardo Chadwick and Jeannie. Piemonte Land of Perfection will also be featured comparing the flavours of Piemonte's wines with those found in Chinese tea in a **tutored tastings and masterclass** led by Jeannie and renowned Hong Kong tea master Vesper Chan. The German Wine Institute will lead an exclusive **seminar and tasting** with a special selection of wines chosen by Jeannie. Stay tuned for more.



CULINARY CAPITAL: CHENGDU



This month, Asian Palate explores **Chengdu** as the next destination in our series of **Culinary Capitals**. Hailed as the "Paris of the Orient," read about Asian Palate's latest investigations into nuances of Sichuan's cuisine—from various types of chilli peppers to mouth-numbing *hua jiao*.



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Jeannie's second book *Mastering Wine for the Asian Palate* was recommended by the Sydney Morning Herald as "an excellent and beautifully presented book."

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This award-winning book exploring the challenges of Asian food and wine pairing is sold out in English and is **now available in simplified Chinese.**

JEANNIE'S WINE DIARY



Sign up for Jeannie's wine diary and read her top wine picks. To read the past wine diary newsletters, [click here.](#)

EVENTS & APPEARANCES



08 May 2012: The **Peninsula Hotel in Shanghai** along with the German Wine Institute and Jeannie will be hosting the finale event of the *Perfect Pairings* global book tour launch.



21 & 23 May 2012: **Join** Jeannie and Asian Palate in the **Grandes Pagos De Espana** walk around tasting in Beijing and Shanghai.

20 May 2012: Jeannie will



Read Jeannie's thoughts on the evolving Asian and Chinese palate in the BBC and about her experience during the **86th China National Food, Wine & Spirits Fair** in Chengdu. Her latest column about renowned violinist and wine lover, **Lu Siqing**, reveals the links between classical music and wine.

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NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS WINE RECEPTION



Join Jeannie and the Macau Wine Society, *Chaîne des Rotisseurs* Macau and trade guests in an exclusive wine reception with the Napa Valley Vintners at the Galaxy Macau. This month will also launch a **month-long celebration** of Galaxy Macau's one year anniversary, featuring fine gourmet and iconic wine pairings by Jeannie as their Master of Wine.

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APTV: INTERVIEW WITH FREDERIC ENGERER FROM CHATEAU LATOUR



Join Jeannie's discussion with Director Frédéric Engerer of Château Latour on the 2011 vintage, Latour's winemaking philosophy and the Chinese wine market.

For more of Jeannie's exclusive recent interviews in Bordeaux, [click here](#).

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INTERVIEW WITH CHEF MURATA



lead a **tasting** for the German Wine Institute exploring the creative aspects and intricacies of pairing German wine with Asian cuisine at Vinexpo Hong Kong.



26 May 2012: Find Jeannie at the Napa Valley Vintners' exclusive wine reception at the Galaxy Macau featuring keynote wineries.



30 May 2012: Join Jeannie in a seminar introducing Piemonte Land of Perfection's finest wines with the ancient art of Chinese tea.



30 May 2012: Following Seña's successful vertical tasting tour in Asia in 2011, Jeannie and President Eduardo Chadwick will be leading a **special vertical tasting** featuring 8 milestone vintages from this iconic Chilean winery.



4 June 2012: Château Guiraud and Shangri-La Group partner with Jeannie to launch the first ever Sauternes **masterclass and wine dinner** series in Chengdu, Wenzhou, Hangzhou and Dalian.

ABOUT ASIAN PALATE

Asian Palate is a site celebrating authentic Asian cuisine and wine together. With an extensive database of wine reviews and commentary as well as a comprehensive Asian food and wine pairing guide, Asian Palate aims to lead intelligent and insightful discussions about the world of wine as well as the quickly evolving Asian food and wine scene.

We will continually expand our wine reviews to highlight wines available at all price points in Asia and keep expanding our Asian food and wine pairing guide. We hope to provide forward-thinking news and commentary, as well as a platform for others to engage, share and respond. Please give us feedback on how we can improve – we would love to hear from you info@asianpalate.com

ABOUT JEANNIE CHO LEE MW



Jeannie Cho Lee is the first Asian Master of Wine (MW) and an award-winning author, wine critic, judge, and educator. [Read more](#) & follow [Jeannie](#) on [Twitter](#).

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The award-winning book on Asian food and wine pairing is now available from the iTunes store. [Buy now.](#)

Read about Asian Palate's exclusive interview with Yoshihiro Murata, the famed kaiseki chef and owner of Kikunoi, a century-old ryotei restaurant in **Kyoto**. With a legendary reputation and the recipient of 3 Michelin stars, Murata discusses molecular gastronomy, various forms of umami and how a traditional Japanese cuisine can be modern and dynamic. Find out more about Murata's plans to bring **Kyoto's cuisine** to London in the near future.



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