



Decanter signs up top judges for Decanter Asian Wine Awards

(28 June 2012 - Decanter) Decanter has signed up more high-profile judges for the Decanter Asia Wine Awards as entries continue to flood in for the new competition.



The Decanter Asia Wine Awards (DAWA), which opened in May this year, is the Asian arm of the Decanter World Wine Awards, established in 2004.

Its purpose is to showcase wines that are available to Asian consumers: any wine that is commercially available anywhere in the world can enter, but once a set number of entries is reached, priority will be given to those wines already present in the Asian market.

Judges – under the joint chairmanship of Steven Spurrier and Jeannie Cho Lee MW, and vice chairs Gerard Basset MS MW, CH'NG Poh Tiong, Michael Hill-Smith MW AM, Andrew Jefford, and Shinya Tasaki – are being recruited specifically for their expertise in Asia.

Decanter's Tastings Director Christelle Guibert has now signed up more judges to tastings teams.

These include Kavita Faiella, wine director at the Press Room Group, responsible for 12 of Hong Kong's best-known restaurants; Paulo Pong, managing director of Altaya Wines and the man behind the etc wine shops, and Hervé Pennequin, head sommelier at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Two other recruits are Kwang-Pyo Eun, owner of Casa del Vino in Seoul; and Marcus Ford, director of Shanghai's Pudao wine boutique.

Judging will take place in Hong Kong in September 2012.