

## November Newsletter 2025

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – High Altitude Wines, Italy

##### From Kirsten

This month, we're taking our tasting program to higher ground — quite literally. Italy's most exciting wines are increasingly being born from vineyards that cling to mountain slopes, thrive in cool breezes, and look down on the world from above the clouds.

Our next club tasting celebrates these “high-altitude heroes,” focusing on four remarkable regions: Mount Etna in Sicily, Alto Adige, Valtellina, and Friuli.

##### Why Altitude Matters

Vines grown at altitude experience cooler temperatures, greater day–night temperature swings, and intense sunlight. These conditions slow ripening and lock in acidity, leading to wines that are fresher, more aromatic, and finely structured — even in Italy's warm southern reaches.

Altitude is nature's balancing act: it gives wines poise, lift, and tension, all while preserving the vibrant fruit that defines Italy's diverse terroirs.

We are especially delighted to have *Giusy Andreacchio* as our guest speaker. Giusy who hails from Calabria, Southern Italy has a WSET Diploma and an AIS Level 3 Certificate. She is a wine consultant and educator who unsurprisingly is an expert on Italian wines.

Please join us as we climb through these landscapes in the glass. You'll taste how altitude brings clarity, lift, and elegance — whether from volcanic ash, alpine **rock**, or **hillside marl**.

**Expect freshness, minerality, and a clear sense of place in every sip.**

### Website Booking

All booking must be done via the website in order to secure your place. The number of tables (and therefore the number of tickets available on sale) will be reduced depending on the number of bookings on the Sunday just before the event - so please book early to ensure you secure your places. This is to prevent purchasing too much food for the night. There will be some residual places available and these will be on sale right until the evening itself for any last minute bookings. **If the event is sold out, please send an email to [webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk) to be placed on the waiting list.**



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If you have a credit note from a previous cancellation, please do remember to use this on your next booking!

## Guests:

In the final week before an event, members can book additional places to bring guests (subject to there being spaces remaining!). Please do not book for guests before this time as earlier bookings are for members only – any guests booked before this time will be removed from the booking.

## Refunds:

Refunds/credit notes can be issued if members (or their guests) become unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. This applies up to 24 hours before the evening (8pm on the Monday). Refunds/credit notes are not possible after this point unless there is another member on the waiting list who is able to take the place – **so please do let us know if you are unable to attend even at very short notice** as this may enable another member from the waiting list to come in your place. This is because the club will have finalised the orders for the evening. As issuing refunds to cards costs the club money, we kindly ask that if possible, a credit note is issued in preference to a full refund.

If there are any problems accessing the website or completing a booking, please email me at [webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@chalfamwineclub.org.uk) and I will do everything I can to assist.