

## **BWC July Meeting – Majestic – Sicilian Wines**

The trend continues, another very enjoyable evening with current members, and again welcoming more new members. This is very encouraging for the continued success of the Buckingham Wine Circle.

The wine tasting for this evening was hosted by Henry, from Majestic, Milton Keynes, with a range of Sicilian wines. Three white and three red, as you will see from the attachment.

Henry, gave very interesting background to all the wines, explaining the region in Sicily where the wines were produced and the history of wine production across Sicily. The Sicilians started to export wine in the 1880's. However, due to disease, wine production came to a halt, and many Sicilians emigrated to America. However, in the 1960's, wine production in Sicily, began to gain momentum once again. In the 1980's Sicily began to produce more international grape varieties, although they still retained indigenous varieties.

Also, interestingly Henry, explained the different methods used in the wine production, and the different soil types, found around the island. For example around Mount Etna, the volcanic soil is mineral rich.

We are now breaking for the Summer, but, very much looking forward to our next event in September.

I hope you all have a lovely Summer.

Julie