



Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

Association Mondiale de la Gastronomie



JUNIOR SOMMELIERS COMPETITION - NEWSLETTER September 2020

Like a fine wine that is improved by being shared so we are hearing how some Bailliages are able to meet again and share the camaraderie for which the Chaîne is renowned.

We know that everyone is scrupulously following recommendations for social gatherings. Even where it is still not possible to gather in person, it is inspiring knowing that Bailliages are being creative in how events are organised on-line. Clearly, this creativity and innovation will stand you in good stead when it comes to the preparations for the 2021 Junior Sommeliers competition.

The countdown has started. The race is on to select the candidate who will represent your National Bailliage on the international stage in Bordeaux in a year's time. What needs to be put in place so that upcoming talent throughout local Bailliages is discovered and mentored to the high standard that has become expected? Will the bar be raised even higher in 2021?

It is such a great experience to develop careers within the industry as Junior Sommeliers take part nationally - perhaps after local competitions - until one leading star emerges who will travel to Bordeaux 'match ready'.

The 2021 International Final will, as in previous years, provide a fabulous opportunity for young professionals to compete with their Sommelier peers, all the while honing their skills and ability to a whole other level.

A reminder of the programme: arrival on Wednesday 8th, Vineyard visits on Thursday 9th, Semi-Final on Friday 10th with the Final on Saturday 11th. The Gala Awards dinner will be held that evening.

We are looking forward to hearing how your local and national competitions progress. The Chaîne News Online is a great way to showcase the upcoming talent worldwide.

We trust that you, your families, friends, colleagues and Bailliage members are staying safe and keeping well as confidence grows - albeit hesitantly - in being out in the world again.

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