



## **PRESS INFORMATION**

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### **Leading wine experts to judge International Pinot Noir tasting**

Wines of Germany is aiming to highlight the quality of German Pinot Noir by pitting some of the world's top Pinot Noirs against the best from Germany at a blind tasting at Texture in London on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

The generic body has recruited a world-class panel of wine experts to judge wines from world-renowned Pinot Noir producers at the 'International Pinot Noir tasting' including Jancis Robinson MW, Xavier Rousset MS, Stephen Brook, Anthony Rose, Christine Parkinson, Peter McCombie MW and Gearoid Devaney MS\*. The panel will be chaired by Tim Atkin MW.

The German wines included in the line-up were selected from over 300 German Pinot Noirs at a pre-tasting in September, judged by Tim Atkin MW, wine buyer for the Tate, Hamish Anderson, and German wine experts, Stephan Reinhardt, Christina Fischer and Alexander Kohnen. The Pinot Noirs from non-German producers have been selected by Tim Atkin MW.

Following two rounds of judging, the top three Pinot Noirs will be revealed to the panel at 2pm. Full results will be available upon request from Wines of Germany from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Steffen Schindler, marketing director for the German Wine Institute says "Everyone knows that Germany is famous for its world-class white wines, but the quality and scale of our Pinot Noir production is relatively unknown internationally. Germany is the third biggest producer of Pinot Noir in the world and with this tasting, we hope to show that our best Pinot Noirs can compete with the best in the world for quality and value for money."

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

\*The judges taking part in the tasting are:

- Tim Atkin MW
- Hamish Anderson
- Jancis Robinson MW
- Xavier Rousset MS
- Christine Parkinson
- Peter McCombie MW
- Anthony Rose
- Gearoid Devaney MS
- Ronan Sayburn
- Stephen Brook
- Matthew Jukes
- Stephan Reinhardt

**Christina Fischer** is one of Germany's leading sommeliers. She is the author of numerous books on wine, and she has conducted Pinot Noir tastings for the German Wine Institute in Oslo and New York and has a very broad knowledge about German and international Pinot Noir.

**Stephan Reinhardt** is one of the most profiled wine journalists in Germany. He writes for wine publications such as Weinwisser, The World of Fine Wine or Der Feinschmecker, and also for many leading German newspapers such as Süddeutsche Zeitung, Welt am Sonntag and die tageszeitung.

**Alexander Kohnen** is director of the International Wine Institute in Bad-Neuenahr-Ahrweiler. He is organising the First International Spätburgunder Symposium early next year with Pinot Noir producers from around the world. He teaches, publishes regularly, runs the institute and is often on the panel for wine competitions (Canberra Riesling Challenge, etc.).