Bordeaux tasting weekend

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A weekend of tasting, visits and dinners at top Bordeaux addresses has been organised by the Union des Grands Crus de Bordeaux for 7-8 May 2011. At the main tasting there will be around 200 châteaux owners, each one pouring the 2008 vintage (see my recent tasting notes) and one other vintage from this century. Sylvie Cazes, president of the UGC, writes:

Now in its sixth year, the Weekend des Grands Crus attracts wine enthusiasts from across the world to enjoy two days of Grands Crus tastings, chateaux visits and dinners with some of the most illustrious names in Bordeaux. During the weekend, wine lovers can enter a world normally reserved for wine professionals and meet many Grands Crus châteaux owners and taste exceptional wines.

There's also a golf tournament if that's your sport. For more details of the programme (in English), go to this page of the UGC website.

We've publicised this event in previous years but have not so far had any feedback from Purple pagers who have attended the event. If you have, please add your comments below. (It used to be called the Week-end des Grands Amateurs but I guess they have changed it because *amateur* has a slightly less positive ring in English - suggesting non-professional - than in French, where it refers to someone who has a great love for something.)

The cost depends on which activities you select. For example, the main tasting is €56 per person, a vineyard tour costs €90 and dinner at a château (as yet unspecified) is €135.

When: 7-8 May 2011

Where: Bordeaux

How much: depends on which activities you choose

How: you can work out the exact cost and book here