The Purple Pages digest - January

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Every month, we bring you a free digest of the very best bits from JancisRobinson.com from the preceding month, as well as:

previews of what's to come
flashbacks to the top stories at JancisRobinson.com ten years ago
and a few highlights from our events calendar

***As of February 2013, we are also allowing free access to two Purple Pages articles from the previous month** - see below for this month's selection.*

JANUARY was Burgundy month here on JancisRobinson.com, with a round-the-clock effort to taste, upload and edit nearly two thousand tasting notes on the 2011 vintage from that most intriguing region. Everything you need to know about it can be read in Burgundy 2011 - guide to our coverage. Other highlights included:

- Reasons to drink Muscadet **(now free)**
- Jancis' Vignettes from the Côtes de Nuits **(now free)**
- Two free Burgundy 2011 overviews, of the Côte de Beaune and the Côte de Nuits
- Jancis on Esca, a worrying threat to viticulture (free)
- Walter Speller on the fiasco of Chianti Classico
- 250 Bordeaux 2009s, re-assessed blind - see Bordeaux 2009 - a guide (free) for all the info
- Julia's opinion of 139 Vinho Verde and Minho wines
- Alder Yarrow's monthly column, on wandering California winemakers
- Richard Hemming's close look at Australian Shiraz
- Michael Schmidt tasting the wines of the newest VDP member, Peter Lauer
- Nick on Restauration at Trinity in south-west London
- Canadian wines mature (free)
- The first ever tasting report on Brunello di Montalcino 2008 - 130 wines reviewed
- 'Vicarious pleasure' in a birthday dinner for six
- Jancis on the trend to lightness in wine (free)

FEBRUARY brings you the best wine writing across a wide range of subjects, including:

- A comprehensive tasting record of the 2011 vintage in the Rhône
- Alex Hunt MW in defence of longevity
- Vignettes from the Côte de Beaune
- A collection of notes on Loire wines

- The finest kosher wines anywhere?
- A review of Andrew Caillard MW's film *Red Obsession*
- the 47th instalment of Richard's MW diary

FROM THE ARCHIVE - here's what was making the news in January 2003:

- AXA Millésimes' first foray into the Languedoc
- Nick on Danny Meyer, New York's finest restaurateur
- A rumour about BRL Hardy merging with Constellation
- First impressions of Burgundy 2001 - a connoisseur's vintage

... and don't forget our free events diary for February lists wine events to tempt every preference, including:

- Bordeaux 1983 at Handford in south-west London
- 'Big and powerful reds' in Stourbridge
- Rioja v Ribera del Duero in Edinburgh
- Dynamic Italians in Melbourne, Australia
- A free tasting of the New Douro (open to all, but registration required) in central London