

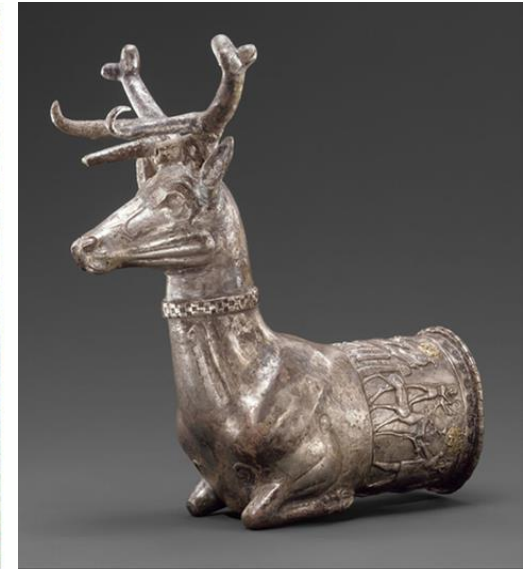
LECTURE: 8 April 2021

Presenter: David Wright

Wine has been part of our global society for over 7,000 years, and the story tells of its origin and appearance in all societies across the Mediterranean and through Europe. There is rich evidence of the role wine has played in these societies and how it became an important component of faith, well-being and festivity. From the kvevris of Georgia in 5,000 B.C., the symposia in ancient Greece, the thermopolia of Pompeii, the hospices of Europe, to the dining tables of fine society wine has been ever present. Drawings, paintings, engravings, buildings, pottery and wine labels themselves all contribute to the story. The lecture dips into each culture and century and picks out the evidence, or role wine has played.



A brief Story of Wine



David Wright, has been a wine retailer, importer and distributor for 30 years. For 10 years, 1983 to 1993, he ran an independent Wine Merchant in Maidenhead and Henley called David Alexander Wine Merchants, which was runner up in the Decanter Magazine/Pol Roger Champagne Merchant of the Year in 1987. Although that was a long time ago, the award was judged on independent wine merchants offering a carefully selected range of wine from producers committed to their region, and a high level of service. David Alexander continues to trade now, on line, and its philosophy has not changed.

From 1993 David worked for a wine agency company called Walter Siegel, which following a sale became Awin Barratt Siegel Wine Agencies, where David was general manager. It was five times awarded the International Wine and Spirit competition Trophy for 'Importer of the Year'.

In 2016 David left and joined Delibo Wine Agencies, a two-man band representing 19 growers from seven different countries. Over these years, David has publicly presented tastings and talks on wine to trade and private audiences. These have taken the form of wine 'tastings' or charity events where a particular subject is presented and wines tasted.