

Adrian Hindmarsh, of Artislegal and chairman of the Birmingham Business Breakfast Club, is set a most appealing mission by BQ.

LICENCE TO SWILL



It was early evening in the middle of July during the heat wave when I received the request to call BQ's editor Steve Dyson.

At the time I was preparing to travel to Scotland to watch The Open at Muirfield. Very shortly after taking the call I was sitting in the air cooled foyer at The Hyatt, meeting with Steve's right hand man, Alan Dickinson.

At this moment, I felt a bit like James Bond. "Your mission 003.5, is to kindly drink some wine for us. Some Indian wine, the Soul Tree brand". A fair request I thought.

Alan then introduced me to BQ's excellent photographer Kevin, some pictures were taken and I was issued with a bottle of white and a bottle of red wine and promptly headed off to Scotland. The wine tasting was carried out on my return, with a different evening for each grape. Both wines are from the Nasik Valley in India, a sauvignon blanc

and a cabernet sauvignon. I started with the white, sharing the task with partner Clare while sitting on the terrace of her city centre penthouse apartment with the Hyatt in view.

I tend to prefer white to red, however, I had not drunk any Indian wine before - the same can't be said of their lager alongside a curry or two.

There was a strong, yet attractive fruity aroma, which greeted the nostrils, slightly tropical fruit perhaps? The wine did have a slightly wooden taste, possibly from the wooden cask Clare struggled to harmonise with the wine but I, of course, persevered. The more it slipped down, the more I liked it and very soon the bottle was empty. Then came the red cabernet sauvignon and

again, this was a task shared with Clare, albeit several days later. We left the wine to breathe but, as it was so hot on the terrace, we did briefly refrigerate the wine.

Clare is from London, so naturally she prefers red to white.

We both found the Soul Tree to have a light appealing aroma - it was most pleasant, very drinkable and was a great addition to a beef salad.

This bottle was consumed faster than the white.

Mission complete and a most enjoyable task to boot.

Wines were supplied by Soul Tree Wine. The Soul Tree Cabernet Sauvignon and the Soul Tree Sauvignon Blanc retail at between £7.99 and £8.69.

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