

TAXI DRIVER TURNS VINTNER

For one taxi driver, the commute home doesn't involve his taxi. He just jumps on a plane and travels back to the beautiful Languedoc area of France. Regular readers of Taxi Globe may recall that as well as coming back to the UK to drive his taxi, Rob also arranges trips to the Languedoc for those wishing to buy property and also has a holiday lettings agency. Through this agency, Taxi Globe's editor has booked and enjoyed holidays to the area and of course whilst there sampled some of the wines. It was over a glass of organic wine that an idea was born that the wines would go down well in the UK amongst the taxi trade. Rob has now started to import these wines to the UK, having been given a certificate from the French authorities which declares "Vin Issu de L'Agriculture Biologique – certifie Ecocert" which means the wine is certificated as organic.

So on a cold, wet November morning, the latest delivery of the wines arrived at the delivery storage area in Essex – then the fun began. Rob said: "The fork lift truck could not negotiate the gravel to plonk (no pun) the cases of wine in the barn that I have rented for wine storage - so I had to hump (alone) 120 cartons each containing 12 bottles the 50 metres from the end of the drive to the wine stack. Last night I found out that a well known brand of bath salts which promise to relieve all manner of aches and pains doesn't work quite as well



Has Rob been sampling the wine?

as I had hoped."

Due to the large delivery of wine, the transport was on a large lorry whereas normally it comes over in a van. The van can reverse up the country lane, but the larger lorry could not, without damaging the trees either side. However despite the odds stacked against him, Rob finally got the delivery in the storage area ready to be delivered to any taxi driver who wants to order some of the wines in time for Christmas. Rob continued: "I will be back in the saddle, or should I say driving seat, during the busy pre-Xmas "shilly sheashon" rush with all Lords-a-leaping. I quite a few wine deliveries to get out - including one to the House of Lords no less!"

There is a Domaine red, which is a traditional 100% syrah, a Troubadour, light bodied fruity red, best served slightly chilled and a medium sweet Domaine white. Rob's organic wine is only £4.50 per bottle (in supermarkets they start at £6/£7 and if you do a quick search on the net a case of 6 is roughly around the £45 mark – so £49.50 gets you a case of 12! If the thought of sampling the wines in sunny France appeals for next summer's holiday, or if you want information about buying property in the Languedoc, Rob will also be happy to help. For more details email Rob, his address is woodford19@btinternet.com



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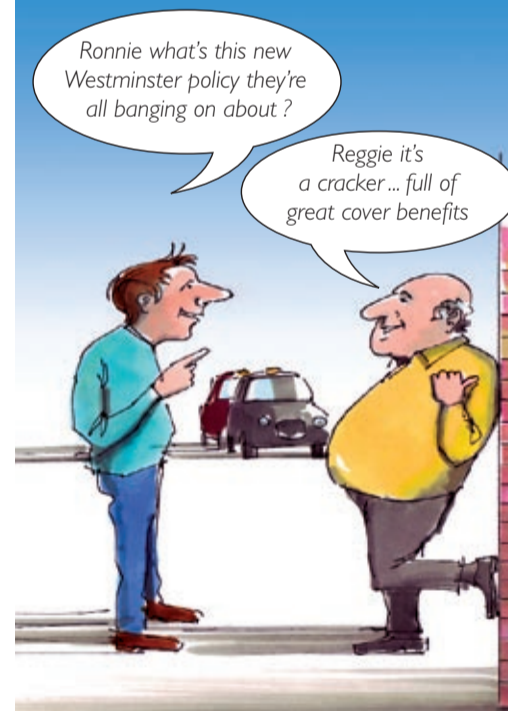
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