



## Argentina Wine Awards 2010 - International Judges

### Sebastian Payne MW

Nationality: **British**

Resident: **UK**

Year MW: **1977**



- Born in the UK 03.04.47. Married 1973. Two children
- Educated Tonbridge School and Trinity College, Oxford
- MA degrees in Literae Humaniores (Latin and Classical Greek) and in Medieval and Modern Greek.
- Started in the wine trade in 1970 working for Fred May, a shipper specialising in wines of France, Germany and Hungary.
- Joined The Wine Society in 1973 as Promotions Manager responsible for publications. In 1985 he became Chief Buyer travelling to all major wine regions in the world.
- Passed his Master of Wine in 1977. He was Chairman of the Masters of Wine Institute in 1995 and Chairman of Masters of Wine Examiners in 1996. He is also a Chevalier dans l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole.
- The Wine Society has been going since 1874. It is totally independent, being owned by its members who are all private individuals. We have a high reputation for quality, being 'Mail Order Merchant of the Year' 12 times by the International Wine Challenge among many other awards. We've listed Argentine wines since the early seventies.

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