8 new Master Sommeliers in 2009

The UK Master Sommelier examinations were held during November in London. The examinations held over two days at the Capital Hotel and the Dorchester Hotel, saw five candidates achieve the award.

The five new Masters join three others who passed the exam in May, making 2009 a record year for the award.

**The new Masters:**

Christopher Delalonde, French - Sarment Wines

Isa Bal, Turkish - The Fat Duck, Bray

João Pires, Portuguese - formerly of the Capital Hotel, London.

Yohann Jousselin, French – Hotel du Vin, Winchester

Gearoid Devaney, Irish - Sarment Wines

Christian Bock, German - Vinothek im Park, Weggis, Switzerland

Benjamin Wolf, Columbian – Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva, Switzerland

Bruce Walner, Canadian

Christopher Delalonde was additionally presented with the Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle Trophy, awarded for the candidate with the highest aggregate marks in all three parts of the examination.