

**Date:** 18/01/2022 **Venue:** The Xara Lodge **Theme:** Levant **Voters:** 33 **Team:** Daniel Cassar Darien / Garreth Fenech

Producer	Wine	Vintage	Varietal	Country	Label	Voting	Price	Supplier	Consumption
B-Qa de Marsyas	Blanc	2016	Sauvignon Blanc 80%, Chardonnay 20%	Lebanon	Aprtf	14.48	€ 19.25	Mirachem	7
Domaine des Tourelles	Vielles Vignes Red	2017	Cinsault	Lebanon	A	14.27	€ 26.50	P. Cutajar	8
Clos de Gat	Har'el	2016	Syrah	Israel	B	16.85	€ 31.00	Mirachem	9
Chateau Marsyas	Rouge	2010	Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Syrah 20%, Merlot 10%, Petit Verdot 5%	Lebanon	C	16.48	€ 39.00	Mirachem	8
Domaine de Bargylus	Rouge	2008	Syrah 40%, Cabernet Sauvignon 35%, Merlot 25%	Syria	D	15.62	€ 57.82	Mirachem	8

**Average consumption btl per person 1.21**

**Food (out of 10): 8.33**

Some critics reviews and scores on the wines selected

**B-Qa de Marsyas Blanc 2016** - aggregate critic score 89/100 - This wine has a clear yellow colour with green reflections. Exotic on the nose with aromas of white fruits. Fresh and fruity on the palate with a taste of white fruits and an excellent acidity for a long and mineral finish.

**Domaine des Tourelles Vieilles Vignes Cinsault 2017** - Jancis Robinson 16.5/20 - Domaine des Tourelles Vieilles Vignes Cinsault is extraordinary old vine Cinsault that is wonderfully unique. The nose has an exotic mix of ripe fig, bright red cherry and plum fruit with star anise spice, it's lifted and pronounced. The palate had more beautifully ripe red fruit characters, along side lively fig and date notes, the acidity perfectly balances the generous flavours and leaves a pure, clean finish which is hugely rewarding.

**Clos de Gat Har'el Syrah 2016** - Wine Enthusiast & Wine Spectator 90/100 - The 2016 Har'el Syrah actually has 15% Cabernet Sauvignon blended in to give additional structure. On the nose there's lovely inviting aromas of blackberry, damson, dark cherry and blackcurrant as well as clove and white pepper hints. The palate is silky and well balanced, full of spicy dark fruit, subtle savoury and meat notes and toasty oak. The acidity is very good and the tannins are ripe and fine. A lovely finish, this is a full balanced complex wine - paired with a fillet steak, perfect.

**Chateau Marsyas Rouge 2010** - Jancis Robinson 16/20 - Color: Beautiful deep purple hue Aromas: Very elegant with hints of black current and raspberries along with a touch of minerality and spices Palate: Good structure, the tannins are present but melted, the wine offers a good acidity that brings a lot of freshness to this vintage Finish: Long with beautiful fruits along with minerality and freshness.

**Domaine de Bargylus Red 2008** - Jancis Robinson 17/20 - Bargylus is an essentially Mediterranean wine with a surprisingly singular style. At no point does the Syrah dominate, the natural tendencies of this varietal having been suppressed by the intense terroir. Here Syrah expresses less black fruit and pepper, with a greater emphasis on floral aromas and a bias towards peony. Deep purple hue, the nose is complex with notes of spices & truffles. There is precision in the mouth with excellent balance between the integrated tannins, the elegant fruit and mineral freshness. The finish is powerful and sustained.

