

# Julie Arkell

## BIOGRAPHY



**Julie Arkell** is a wine writer, broadcaster and journalist. Her background in the wine trade includes roles as Head of Wine at *Guinness*, Regional Wine Development Manager for *Scottish & Newcastle Breweries*, and Manager of *The Sunday Times Wine Club*.

In 1992 **Julie** began writing about wine and had her own column in the *Saturday Express* and has also contributed to *The Daily Telegraph*, the *Sunday Express Magazine* and *Sainsbury's Magazine*, amongst many others.

Her books include *Classic Rum*, *New World Wines: The Complete Guide*, *The Wine Drinker's Handbook*, *Collins Need to Know? - Wine*, *Collins Gem Wine*, and she co-wrote *Oz and James' Big Wine Adventure*.

**Julie** has been the drinks correspondent for both the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, and has contributed to *Tesco Wine Club Magazine*, *BBC Good Food Magazine*, *handbag.com*, *Wine International*, *Harpers*, *Decanter*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Sainsbury's Magazine*, *Candis Magazine*, *Websters publishing*, *www.jancisrobinson.com*, *At Home With Antony Worrall Thompson* and *James Martin Magazine* amongst many others.

**Julie** is regularly involved in both television and radio work spanning the worlds of drink, food and travel, presenting or guesting on programmes for *BBC television*, *Channel 5*, *Sky*, *Carlton Food Network*, *BBC Radio* and local radio.

Her awards include prizes for the WSET Higher Certificate and Diploma exams, and a *Brown Brothers MW Scholarship*. **Julie** is past-Chairman of *The Circle of Wine Writers*.

A frequent speaker, **Julie** adopts a no-nonsense, fun approach to wine tastings and is willing and able to tackle all drinks subjects, tailoring her presentation to suit any audience. She has lectured on the *QE2* (Cunard), the *Black Watch* (Fred Olsen), *Aurora* (P&O) and *Artemis* (P&O), and conducts many consumer tastings for leading UK supermarkets and has appeared at the *BBC Good Food Show*.

She is also a sought-after judge at many international wine competitions including the *New York Classic*, *Quality Drink Awards*, *Great Taste Awards*, *Concours Mondial de Bruxelles* and *Concours Mondial au Chile*. Instrumental in designing the successful *Passport To Wine & Food* weekends for *CenterParcs*, **Julie** is available as an expert consultant. She also offers popular wine tasting packages for corporate bodies that are looking for something different with which to entertain clients or employees.

**Julie's** recent work includes editing a new magazine called *Cheers!*, with Oz Clarke and Salvatore Calabrese.

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