

Ronan Sayburn MS

Born Scarborough, North Yorkshire 14/5/69.

Employment History

Director, The RS Wine Academy

July 2013 – present

Concentrating on a few private clients, training to the trade and public, wine list consultancy and wine events

Head of Wines, Dorchester Collection UK

September 2012 – July 2013

Managing wine teams and wine lists for banqueting, room service and restaurants in 3 hotels (Dorchester, Coworth Park and 45 Park Lane – including Alain Ducasse 3 Michelin star restaurant and Wolfgang Pucks ‘Cut’ restaurant)

Director of Wine and Spirits, Hotel du Vin

February 2010 – September 2012. 14 boutiques luxury hotels themed on wine and wine makers.

Managing and training a team of around 40 sommeliers.

Executive Head Sommelier The Greenhouse Restaurant

September 2008- January 2010. 1 Michelin Star

Managing the largest wine list in the UK at 3,400 references

(2nd largest in Europe after La Tour d’Argent)

Executive Head Sommelier Gordon Ramsay Restaurants Ltd

March 2000- March 2007. Responsible for sommelier teams at –

Restaurant Gordon Ramsay,

Gordon Ramsay at Claridge’s,

Pétrus Restaurant,

Angela Hartnett’s Menu at the Connaught,

Maze Restaurant,

Boxwood Café ,

Marcus Wareing at the Savoy Grill.

(8 Michelin stars in Total)

Plus involved in restaurants in Dubai, Tokyo and especially New York in November 2006. Duties included group wine buying, recruitment, training and managing team of 60+ sommeliers.

Head Sommelier Restaurant Gordon Ramsay

March 2000- March 2007. Michelin 3 Star

Head Sommelier Restaurant Pied à Terre

Feb ’99- March 2000. Michelin 2 Star

Chef Tom Aikens first London restaurant.

OW Loeb and Co Ltd, Northern Sales Manager

Old established city wine merchant specializing in the wines of Burgundy, Rhône and Germany

Asst-Head Sommelier Le Manoir Aux Quat’ Saisons

Sept ’95-Sept ’97 Michelin 2 Star

Raymond Blanc’s Oxfordshire hotel and restaurant.

Qualifications and Awards

Master Sommelier Diploma – Court of Master Sommeliers

Passed the Master Sommelier Diploma in March 2005

Advanced Certificate – Court of Master Sommeliers

Certificate, Higher Certificate and Diploma – Wine and Spirit Education Trust

1998 Champagne Ruinart UK Sommelier of the Year

Highly recognized sommelier competition held annually and sponsored by Champagne Ruinart. Previously 2nd place in '96 and '97.

2000, '04 and '06 UK Representative for Trophée Ruinart (Meilleur Sommelier d' Europe)

Invited to compete and represent the UK in the European Ruinart competition. Takes place over three days in Reims, Champagne. Unofficially ranked 5th out of 32 competitors in 2000.

2002 Dom Pérignon Award for Excellence

Academy of Food and Wine Service

2002 Baron Philippe de Rothschild Travel Scholarship Award

2003 Sommelier of the Year Award

Harpers and Queens magazine with Moët & Chandon Champagne. (Runner up in 2001)

2003 Torres Quiz 'Nose Master'

Best taster of competition.

2005 UK on-trade personality of the year, Sopexa Awards of Excellence

2006 Matthew Clark Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession of Sommelier

Other

Board member for the EU Court of Master Sommeliers – Chair for Tasting Exams and PR/Marketing Academy of Food and Wine Service – panel/judge for UK Sommelier of the Year

Interests

Marathon running – for the past 12 years I have completed 24 marathons - usually the Flora London Marathon and the Médoc marathon in Bordeaux, plus one other marathon each year.

Extensive qualifications and experience in scuba diving, qualified to technical, mixed-gas instructor level and experience of deep and wreck diving.