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DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 1994

COMPANY NUMBER: 1095091



## DIRECT WINES (WINDSOR) LIMITED COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS A.H.G. Laithwaite [Joint Chairman]

B.A. Laithwaite [Joint Chairman]
B.G. Hodder [Managing Director]

E.H. Laithwaite

J. Cassin D.J. Wright

W. de W.W. Symons

A.S. Fraser P.F. Diamond A. J. Bentham D. Hamilton

SECRETARY

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New Aquitaine House Paddock Road, Reading Berkshire RG4 OJY

BANKERS

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Berkshire RG1 2HD

**AUDITORS** 

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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

We are pleased to report that turnover and profit both reached record levels in the year just ended. Turnover increased by some 27% to over £24.5 million and profit by 71% to £881,000.

This was achieved in tough trading conditions against increasing competition.

We were again successful in recruiting a large number of new customers. The cost of this depresses profits in the year of recruitment, but provides a platform from which to increase sales in the following year and thereafter. We are in fact already seeing in the current year the benefit — substantially increased levels of sales, which are coming from these new customers.

One of the big changes in recent years has been the increase in the total number of people very work for the company on a part—time or temporary basis, especially during the build up to the Christmas peak. These staff are all very important to the business and without them we would just not be able to provide the high levels of service which are so vital to the home delivery wine business.

As a company, we have a total commitment to service, and we continually strive to improve service levels. During the last year we have been delivering our customers' orders faster than ever before. Much investment has taken place in recent years and we are now embarking on significant improvements to our systems. This will help to maintain and improve the level of service.

We have considerably expanded our wine buying department this year and this, coupled with our increased buying power, has resulted in an improvement in the quality of wine we offer our customers. Also the ways in which we offer these wines continue to increase in both number and sophistication.

We have never felt the business to be more dynamic and reative than it is in its 25th year!

We would like to thank everyone who works for the company for all the energy and hard work which went into last year.

Tony & Barbara Laithwaite Joint Chairmen

20 October 1994

#### DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

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The Directors present their annual report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 June 1994.

#### ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continued to be the importing and distribution of wines.

#### REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company continued to make progress and expanded siles by over 25% through major growth in the customer base.

The directors continue to look forward to further advances in profitability.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year, after taxation and dividends was £ 39.692. [1993 - £155,350]

The Directors have declared a dividend of £244.02 per share [1993 - £144.80].

The total dividend payments will amount to £231,817 and the retained profit for the year of £340,183 is carried forward to reserves.

#### FIXED ASSETS

The movements in fixed assets for the year are shown in Note 11 to the accounts.

### DIRECTORS DURING THE YEAR

A H G Laithwaite B A Laithwaite B G Hodder E H Laithwaite J Cassin [French] D J Wright W de W W Symons A S Fraser P D Diamond A J Benthan D Hamilton

## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

#### **DIRECTORS INTERESTS**

The interests of the Directors in the share capital of the company, including family interests, were:

Number of Ordinary Shares

	30. 6. 94	30. 6. 93
Beneficial Holdings		-
A H G Laithwaite E H Laithwaite B A Laithwaite J Cassin [French]	510 10 250 30	510 10 250 30

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No other Director held a beneficial interest in the shares of the company.

#### TRUSTEE HOLDINGS

The following Directors had non-beneficial interests, as follows, in the shares of the company as trustees of a trust, of whom the beneficiaries are the children of A H G Laithwaite and B A Laithwaite.

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E H Laithwaite, D J Wright and B A Laithwaite jointly	150	150

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. It preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:—

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will confinue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assess of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT [Continued]

### POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

No political donations were made within the year.

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

The company maintained insurance during the financial year for officers against any liability which otherwise would attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or trust in relation to the company.

#### **AUDITORS**

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution to re—appoint Messrs Stainton & Shafto as the Company's Auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on

20: October 1994

Signed on behalf of the Directors,

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### DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DERECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 9 to 20 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting phlicies set out on pages 12 and 13.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 6 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 June 1994 and of its profit for the bear then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

In our opinion the company is entitled to the exemption donferred by Section 229 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts for the year ended 30 June 1994.

STAINTON & SHAFTO Registered Auditors and Chartered Accountants 21 Wigmore Street London W1H 9LA

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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

YEAR TO 30.6.93			YEAR TO 30.6.94
£		NOTES	£
19,202,504	TURNOVER	2	24,457,68~
11,087,599	Cost of sales	3	13,808,803
8,114,905	GROSS PROFIT		10,648,881
7,686,279	Distribution costs & Administrative	xpenses 3	9,860,265
428,626	OPERATING PROFIT	4	788,616
77,910 9,331	Other income Profit on sale of fixed assets	7	99,008 -
515,867	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTI BEFORE INTEREST PAYABLE	VITIES ,	887,624
301	Interest payable	8	6,115
515,566	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTI BEFORE TAXATION	VITIES	881,509
227,000	Taxation on Ordinary Activities	9	310,000
288,566	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACT	VITIES	571,509
133,216	Dividends	10	231,817
155,350	retained profits for th	E YEAR	339,692
1,226,759	Retained profits brought forward		1,382,109
1,382,109	RETAINED PROFITS CARRII	D FORWARD	1,721,801

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Profit & Loss account. None of the Company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these linuncial statements.

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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1994

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30.6.93		NOTES	30.6.94 £
£ 471,994 6,143	FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investment	11 12	604,622 6,143
1,473,772 1,287,848 2,004,420	CURRENT ASSETS Stock Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13 14	2,593,398 1,694,831 1,891,441
4,766,040 3,687,543	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due woone year	ithin 15	6,179,670 4,801,339
1,078,497	NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,378,331
1,556,634	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,989,096
173,575	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due a more than one year	fter 16	266,345
1,383,059	NET ASSETS		1,722,751
	CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
950 1,382,109	Called up share capital Profit and Loss account	18	950 1,721,801
1,383,059	Shareholders' funds	23	1,722,751
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DIRECTOR	<b>v</b>	22 K- Ack To	199c

The accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 Ocholo 1994

The notes on pages 12 - 20 form part of these financial statements

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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

YEAR TO 30.6.93 £		NOTES	YEAR TO 30.6.94 £
1,255,222	NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	22	430,710
	RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		
(100,000) 73,878	Dividends paid Interest receivable		(133,216) 96,065
1,229,100			443,559
	TAXATION		
(112,913)	Corporation Tax paid [Including ACT		(231,526)
1,116,187			212,033
	Investing activities		
(6,143) (308,837) 170,762	Payment to acquire Fixed Asset Investing Payments to acquire Tangible Fixed Asset Receipts from sale of Tangible Fixed Asset Investing Asset Investing Asset Investing Asset Investing Asset Investing Investigation Asset Investigation Investi	sets	- (383,024) 58,012
971,969	INCREASE IN CASH EQUIVALE	NTS 24	(112,979)

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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a] Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historifal cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

bl Stock

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value making due allowances for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

c] Production costs

Wine production costs borne directly by the company are allocated to the anticipated offtake of specific products and are added to the diffect costs of the wine when it is purchased. Costs relating to products not delivered by the year end are carried forward in the balance sheet as a prepayment.

d] Membership fees

Annual and new life membership fees for The Wind Club are accounted for on an accruals basis.

el Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange at which the currency has been purchased to settle the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet dute. All exchange differences other than those referred to above are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

f] Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fined assets over their expected useful lives [see note 11].

g] Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

h! Leasing and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and linance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter of lease term and their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future period. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account of a straight line basis.

## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

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1.	i] Operating leases Rentals applicable to operating leases where subsoft ownership remain with the lessor are charged to	antially all of the benefits an profit and loss account as ir	d risks curred.
2.	TURNOVER Turnover represents the value of goods, memberships commissions, invoiced to customers during the year, le Tax.	ubscriptions, trips, tastings a ss returns, excluding Value A	nd Added
3.	COST OF SALES AND EXPENSES	1994 £	1993 £
	Cost of sales	13,808,803	11,087,599
	Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses	6,329,997 3,530,268	4,785,532 2,900,747
		9,860,265	7,686,279
4.	Stated after charging/(crediting): — Directors' emoluments [note 6]	691,238	527,373
	Hire of Plant & Machinery  - Operating leases  Hire of Other Assets  - Operating leases	48,773 214,142	75,671 192,146
	Finance charges payable  — Finance leases  Depreciation of owned assets  Depreciation of leased assets  Auditors remuneration  Profit on disposal of fixed assets	14,215 126,455 65,929 17,400	8,396 120,636 45,992 16,280 (9,331)
5.	,	NUMBER	NUMBER
	Average number of employees [including directors] during the year	118	97
	Aggregate payroll costs of employees [including directors] Wages and salaries Social Security costs Pension and other costs	£ 1,861,866 189,375 234,741	£ 1,480,675 161,447 242,885
		2,285,982	1,885,007

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				1994 £	1993 £
6.	DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS In respect of services as directors: Aggregate emoluments including				
	pension payments and benefits			691,238	527,373
	Emoluments of the Joint Chairmen			163,276	171,951
	Emoluments of the highest paid director			133,188	101,767
	Emoluments of other directors:— Number of directors within the ra	inges:			
	£	£		No.	No.
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	40,001 To	45,000		<u>-</u>	1
	45,001 To	50,000	1	-	1
	55,001 To	60,000	ŀ	2	2_
	70,001 To 80,001 To	75,000 85,000		2	_
7.	OTHER INCOME			1994 £	1993 £
	Interest receivable			96,065	73,878
	Rent receivable			2,943	4,032
				99,008	77,910
8.	INTEREST PAYABLE				
	On bank loans and overdrafts and other repayable within five years On late payment of corporation tax	loans		1,365 4,750	301
				6,115	301
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## DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 TUNE 1994

9. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIE	1994 £	1993 £
Based on the profit for the year:— Corporation tax @ 33% [1993 — 33%]	310,767	196,445
Corporation tax (over)/under provided in previous yea	rs (767)	30,555
	310,000	227,000
10. DIVIDENDS  Proposed dividend on £1 ordinary shares	231,817	133,216
	231,817	133,216

#### 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The fixed assets note appears on page 16.

#### 12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

The company owns the entire share capital of Direct Wines (Castillon) SARL, a company incorporated in France. The results of this company have not been incorporated in the accounts of the company as they satisfy the exemptions from preparing group accounts in accordance with Section 229 of the Companies Act 1985.

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	TOTAL		1,260,898	383,024	(61,262)	1,582,660		788,904	192,384	(3,250)	978,038		604,622	471,994			
			١,				1	10		,		1	الم	all		3 to 5 years. 7 years. 3 years. 4 years.	
	Motor Vehicle £		21,056	1	1	21,056		7,896	5,264	-	13,160		7,896	13,160			
	Eshibition Standa	ı	22,135	1	1	22,135		20,341	1,794	ı	22,135		1	1,794		equipment s & fittings:	
	Warehouse Fixtures & Fittings	ı	39,414	21,741	:	\$51,15	 	22,103	7,112	ı	29,215		31,940	17.311		Olice luminue & equipment Watebouse fitures & littings: Exhbition stands: Motor Vehicles	•
	od equipment Leased		259,338	115,235	ı	384,573		107,895	65,929	1	173,824		210,749	161,443			ì
	Office furniture and equipment	ł	607,520	192,626	(61,262)	735,884		422,246	94,405	(3.250)	513,401		225,483	185.274	gnumber of years:	Syvens. The shorter of the lease life & 10 years. The shorter of the lease life & 5 years. The shorter of the primary term of the lease and the wefullife of the assets.	
	Property Imp & Shop Premium	4	204,855	53,422	i	258,277		197,102	16,549	l	213,651		44,626	7,753	s over the following	SO years. The shorter of the lease life & 10 year The shorter of the lease life & 5 years The storter of the primary term of the lease and the useful life of the assets	
	Freehold Property	4	095*96	1	1	96,580		11.521	1,331	ı	12,652		83,928	85259	a straight line basi	dita (a.c.	
11. FIXED ASSETS		Coat:	As at 1.7.93	Additions	Disposak	As at 30.6.94	Depreciation:	As at 1.7.93	Provision fer the year	Disposak	As at 30.6.94	Net Book Value:	AT 30.6.94	AT 30.6.93	The assen are depreciated on a straight live basis over the following number of years:	Freehold buikings: Shop Premium: Improvements to Property: Leased assets:	

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DIRECT WINES [WINDSOR] NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FO	LIMITED OR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 19	94
	1994 1993	

	1994 £	1993 £
13. STOCK		
Raw materials and consumables Goods for resale	99,765 2,493,633	66,781 1,406,991
	2,593,398	1,473,772
14. DEBTORS  Due within one year:-	754,684	576,199
Trade debtors Amount owed by group undertaking	86,464	29,511
Other debtors	24,350	46,222
Prepayments and accrued income	594,425	456,482
	1,459,923	1,108,414
Due alter more than one year:-		
Prepayments and accrued income Deferred Asset	176,953 57,955	140,758 38,676
	234,908	179,434
Total debtors	1,694,831	1,287,848
15. CREDITORS  Amounts falling due within one year:—		7
Obligations under finance leases and	*	40,000
hire purchase contracts '	78,034	48,090 2,418,781
Trade creditors	3,153,594 272,090	193,616
Corporation tax	57,955	38,676
Advance corporation tax	35,335	21,045
Other creditors Other taxes and social security costs	652,378	613,754
Accruals and deferred income	320,136	220,365
Proposed dividend	231,817	133,216
	4,801,339	3,687,543

DIRECT WILL NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STA	NES (WINDSC TEMENTS FO	OR] LIMITED OR THE YEAL	R ENDED 30	0 JUNE 1994
		1994		1993
16. CREDITORS:  Amounts falling due after more than one year:—  Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts  Accruals and deferred income		£ 141,146 125,199		£ 126,950 46,625
		266,345	_	173,575
17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	-		_	
The company has given indemnities to company amounting to £405,000 [199	o its bankers in 03 — £405,000]	respect of guara	intees made b	y the
18. SHARE CAPITAL	į	1994 £		, 1993 £
Authorised ordinary shares of £1 eac	:h _	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares	of £1 each	950		950
19. OPERATING LEASES – COMM	MITMENTS 1994 £	1994 £	: 1993 £	1993 £
•	Land & Buildings	Other	Land & Buildings	Other
Annual Commitments in respect of Operating leases which expire:  — within one year  — between 2 to 5 years  — over 5 years	102,771 42,150	77,005 73,338 —	39,583 - 42,150	83,824 63,154 

## DIRECT WINES (WINDSOR LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

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20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	1994 1993 £ £
Authorised but not contracted for	
Authorised and contracted for	
21. SECURITY	

Under a debenture charge dated 30th March, 1979 the company's bank holds a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company in respect of any monies which may become due.

#### 22. NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1994 £	1993 £
Profit before taxation Depreciation (net) (Increase)/Decrease in stock (Increase) in debtors Increase in creditors Interest receivable	881,509 192,384 (1,119,626) (406,983) 1,029,491 (96,065)	515,566 157,297 75,481 (161,977) 742,733 (73,878)
Net Cash Inflow from operating activities	480,710	1,255,222

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STAT	EMENTS FO	R THE YEAR	ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

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23.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		1994	1993
			£	£
	Profit for the year		571,509	288,566
	Dividend		(231,817)	(133,216)
	Retained profit for the year		339,692	155,350
	Shareholders funds at 1 July 1993		1,383,059	1,227,709
	Shareholders funds at 30 June 1994		1,722,751	1,383,059
24	ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YI	AR	1994 £	1993 £
	Balance at 1 July 1993		2,004,420	1,032,451
	Net Cash (outflow)/inflow		(112,979)	971,969
	Balance at 30 June 1994		1,891,441	2,004,420
25	ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AN AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET	D CASH E	QUIVALENTS	5
	C	lange in Year £	1994 £	1993 £
	Cash at Bank and in Hand	(112,979)	1,891,441	2,004,420