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# Dispatches from The Fringe - A Wine Goose Chase serves a delightful vintage

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History was never this fun or this interesting. Rarely has wine tasting been. But in *A Wine Goose Chase*, writer and performer [Susan Boyle](#) blends these often elitist fields of interest and makes them both accessible and enjoyable.

No previous knowledge is required as Boyle waltzes around The Whisky Bar at 37 Dawson Street, regaling the audience with her conspiratorial “did you know” pearls of knowledge. Did you know the Wine Geese where a group of 200 or so Irish families who, in the 17th century, emigrated to Bordeaux and became some of the most important wine producers in the world, active to this day? Did you know an Irishman invented the first commercial corkscrew? Did you know the Irish outdrank the English in terms of wine consumption by a long margin? Did you know the role the Celts, the Vikings and a handful of Irish saints played in the history of wine? These gems, and so

much more, are offered for your enlightenment, along with a delicious selection of wines offered for your enjoyment.

If *A Wine Goose Chase* preaches to the converted and suffers a little by striking an uneasy balance between wine tasting, history lesson and performance, Boyle's enthusiasm more than makes up for any shortcomings. When pace lulls as wine is distributed to the strains of Billie Holiday, Boyle whisks about the room like the perfect hostess. Even a hint of first night jitters played to her favour. Her invitation to partake of a passion shared was infectious and Boyle's charming demeanour was always on song. Directors Gina Moxley and Sonya Kelly ensured pace never slackened during delivery and audience interest never waned in this delightful hour of wine tasting and history.

*A Wine Goose Chase* runs at 37 Dawson Street on September 11th and 12th and from September 16th to 19th. Doors open at 6.30 p.m, except on Sunday 16th when they open at 5.00 p.m. Tickets range from €12.00 to €14.00.

***Be advised: A Wine Goose Chase has changed venue to 37 Dawson Street.***



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