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THE PROUST Q&A: OLIVIER DAUGA

17th May, 2013 by Lucy Shaw

Former rugby player Olivier Dauga is a Bordeaux-based consultant passionate about promoting affordable Bordeaux wines. Known as Le Faiseur de Vin, Dauga has a penchant for loud shirts and arresting eyewear. Outside France, Dauga consults in Spain, Morocco, Australia and the Ukraine.



What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Being close to my children, my family and my dog.

What is your greatest fear?

To leave for the other world without saying goodbye to my close friends and family.

Who do you most admire?

I respect many people but I do not admire one person in particular.

What is your greatest extravagance?

My loud shirts and shoes.

What is your current state of mind?

Optimistic, communicative and enjoying life.

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

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My family.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Creating my own company and doing a job that I love.

What is your most treasured possession?

My palate and sense of smell.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Determination.

Who are your favorite writers?

Peter Mayle and Jules Verne.

Who is your hero of fiction?

James Bond.

What is your greatest regret?

Not becoming a professional rugby player.

What is your motto?

You reap what you sow.

Who would be your ideal dinner party guests and what wines would you serve them?

It would be an all-French line-up: general Charles De Gaulle, singer Edith Piaf and chef Auguste Escoffier – I'd serve them Château Palmer 1982 and Château Gilette Sauternes 1937.

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