



Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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Next Meeting: 10 December 2017

This month:

Its party time. At the time of writing there were still a couple of places left. (Due to late cancellations—hope you get better John). Get in quick if you want the seat. It's all about the BBQ lunch then the auction. So have a look around and see if you have something that you can bring with you. Not just your spouse.

Last month's speaker was Mike Payne, and I am sure that everyone would like to say thank-you to him. For his continued association to the guild through supplying grapes, writing Cordon Corner, and for coming to our meeting and helping us with our viticultural endeavours. Thanks Mike.

Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and safe New
Year from all of the
Frankston Amateur
Winemaking Guild
Committee



Grenache Challenge

For those who purchased Grenache grapes last year, a reminder, the Grenache Challenge will be held at the January meeting of the Guild. Now is the time to think of just how you would like to present your wine to the judges.

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FAWG Web Page

Don't forget the FAWG website:

<http://www.fawg.org.au>

Or the "Facebook" page:

<https://www.facebook.com/>

Parking at the new Clubrooms

Please drive slowly up the drive as it is the main driveway for our landlord, do not park on the grass.

Wine Classes

I know, you have already done a wine class!!! You may have a friend, or workmate who has shown interest in your hobby. Maybe they would like to have a go themselves.

Now is the time to start talking to them about the possibility of doing the class. This is where most of us have gained our foundation in winemaking, and we should be offering the same to our friends. The bottom line is the more members we have the better our group buying power is. That is what makes it easy to buy good grapes at a good price.

It is in your own interest.



Wine Show Results

Summary of Eltham Wine Show

FAWG MEMBERS RESULTS

AWARDS

- **Eltham Guild Winemaker Of The Year (WOTY) – David Hart**
- Best Grape Winemaker Trophy David Hart
- Hillside/Bayside Trophy - David Hart
- The Harry Gillham Trophy for Best Country Winemaker - David Hart
- Best Berry Wine - David Wood (CBE13 Blueberry and Raspberry 2016)
- Best Stone Fruit Wine Libby Hatzimichalis (CST5 Apricot 2016)
- Best Berry Mead - David Hart (MBA10 Blackberry Mead 2017)
- Best Other Melomel - David Hart (MMA6 Banana Mead 2017)
- Best Sparkling Mead John Winkels (MSA4 Apple and Honey B 2017)
- Best Cabernet Sauv Cabernet Franc current vintage - Peter Enness (RCC5 Cabernet Sauvignon Coolart 2017)
- Best Less Common Red Variety current vintage - David Hart (RLC21 Petite Syrah 2017)
- Best Less Common Red Variety previous vintage - David Hart (RLP14 Petite Syrah 2015)
- Best Chardonnay Pinot Gris current vintage - David Hart (WCC13 Chardonnay 2017)
- Best Chardonnay Pinot Gris previous vintage - Terry Norwood (WCP5 Chardonnay 100% new oak 2016)

MEDAL COUNT

Name	Gold	Silver	Bronze
David Hart	5	13	20
Terry Norwood	4	6	8
John Utano	1	5	1
Glen Fortune	1	1	2
Peter Enness	1	1	-
David Wood	1	1	-
Bill Williams	-	4	1
Libby Hatzimichalis	-	2	4
Noel Legg	-	2	1
<u>Rino Ballerni</u>	-	1	5
<u>Frank Geremia</u>	-	1	2
<u>Pam Mamers</u>	-	1	1
John Winkels	-	1	-
Ray Davis	-	1	1
<u>Peter Stepic</u>	-	1	1
Matt Drew	-	-	3
<u>Stephen Stepic</u>	-	-	2
Yashmin Beaumont	-	-	1

Cordon Corner

One of the busy times in the vineyard is upon us once again with the early varieties flowering and everyone experiencing rapid shoot and leaf growth. It's time to position those shoots, open up the canopy and apply a good dose of protective fungicide. So far the weather has been pretty kind with warm temperatures, light winds and just enough rain to satisfy the advancing plants. Be careful if you are using systemic weedkillers at this time as root take up is at its peak and you don't want to set the vines back. Also, if you are shoot thinning, try not to make any large cuts or wounds particularly around the permanent parts of the vine as it may cause excessive bleeding. Finally, keep an eye on the weather and have your fungicides ready.

Mike Payne

Focus Group 2018—Red Sparkling

A proposal has been made to run a focus group for Red Sparkling Wine for next year. Given that we have learned a lot from Loic Le Calvez in the October meeting it would be good to put some of this new knowledge into practise. If you are interested, Contact :

Colin Harding either at the Christmas Party or on :- 0414485580



Monthly Activity Calendar 2016/17

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
10 December 2017	No formal meeting or activity this month—Christmas Party instead. Starts at 12.00 noon at B'Darra Estate	Annual Auction
9 January 2018		Grenache Challenge
13 February 2018		Sparkling Wine Mini Comp
13 March 2018		Red Hill Wine Show
10 April 2018		Gordon Evans White wine mini Comp.
8 May 2018	Bus Trip Wineries Tour—wine tasting and lunch	Wodonga Wine Show
12 June 2018		Sheila Lee Liqueur & Fortified wine mini comp.

Social Events and links

[October: Australian National Wine and Beer Show](#)

[October: National Cool Climate Wine Show](#)

[November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

[November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[19 January 2018: Australian Fruit Wine Show](#)

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

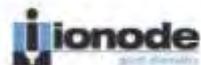
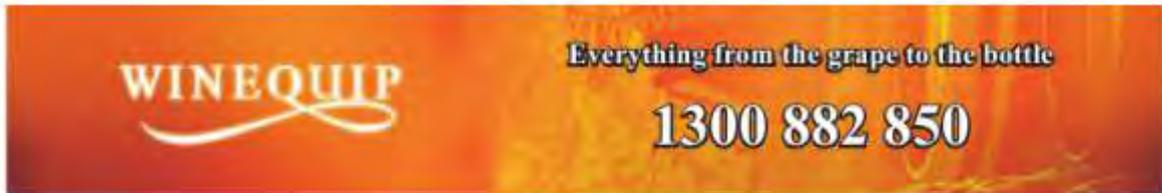
[10 March: Red Hill Cider Show](#)

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