



# Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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## January 2020

Next Meeting: 14 January 2020

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### This Month

How was your Christmas? Hope it was happy and relaxing. You should get this in time to read as the **New Year is just starting. So, "Happy New Year" to all, may your year be full of good surprises.**

We managed to finish off 2019 in good form, the end of year luncheon and auction was again very successful. **Well done to the caterers and to Noel Legg's auction for their individual input.**

Then there was the HAM (Highly Appreciated Member) award. This year presented to Stuart Baber. This is awarded for a member who provides assistance above and beyond expectations. For his trouble Stuart picked up a leg of ham.

On to this month, what could I find to do that would be very enjoyable? Maybe I could taste some wines. Yes, that would do it, and I am in luck. There will be a few wines to be shared at this meeting just to get the new year off to a good start.

**Of course if you have something at home to share, don't be scared to bring that along. There are always members who would like to try something new or different.**

There will also be a Committee Meeting to be held later on this month, so if you need an item to be discussed then feel free to raise it with a Committee member.



### Commemorative Wine Label Competition

It is getting close, the opportunity to place an entry for the Commemorative wine Label is coming to an end soon. This is the time to think hard about getting an entry in.

Perhaps you could have your entry completed for our meeting on the 14th January.

## FAWG Web Page

Don't forget the FAWG website:

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

Or the "Facebook" page:

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

## Parking at the new Clubrooms

Do not drive on the grass. You will be stuck in the mud and there are no facilities to get you out. You will also upset our new landlord. Please drive slowly.

## Grapes

All winemakers should be aware of the inability to obtain our grapes this year from our usual supplier. This is unlikely to happen again next year, but still creates a concern regarding the ability to find and buy grapes this year.

Of prime concern for all winemakers on the Mornington Peninsula is the Phylloxera risk. Wherever you buy your grapes from it is up to you to verify that they are from a location that is free from Phylloxera.

One way to achieve this is to buy locally. We know of some potential suppliers:

- Tom from Coolart Road. At Coolart Nursery on a pick your own basis.
- Peter Buckley for Shiraz or Pinot Noir.
- Mike Payne for Pinot Noir.

There may be other alternatives, and I would encourage discussion among members as to what may be available and who you may be able to help out.

## Cordon Corner

Fruit-set is looking good and hopefully mild sunny days are ahead for January. The most important thing this month is to get a good fungicide spray on before the berries and bunches close up. This is really important, particularly for protection against botrytis which has a tendency to rot bunches from the inside and work its way out. January is also the time for trimming and cleaning up in the vineyard in readiness for the bird netting. Some of us will be planning on pulling the nets out of the shed by the end of January and getting that last fungicide spray ready to go so there will be not a lot of resting in the vineyard until it's all done.

Mike Payne



## Red Hill Show

### Cider, Mead, Wine and Liqueurs

- Entries are currently open for the Red Hill Cider Show, and you are encouraged to get your entries in Cider Entries Close Monday 17th February, with Judging Wednesday 26th February 2020 .
- Mead Entries close Friday 28th February 2020
- Wine and Liqueur entries close Monday 1st March 2020

No time to lose. Get your entries in.



## Monthly Activity Calendar

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
14 January 2020	Wine Tasting	
11 February 2020		Sparkling Wine mini comp
12 March 2020		Red Hill Wine and Cider Competitions
14 April 2020		Gordon Evans White Wine mini Comp
12 May 2020	Sat 26 May—Bus Trip Wineries Tour, Wine Tasting and Lunch	Wodonga Wine Show
9 June 2020		Sheila Lee Liqueur and Fortified mini Comp
14 July 2020	AGM No. 49 Mid Year luncheon—date and venue to be announced	Home Made Night

### Social Events and links

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

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

[November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

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

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