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Next Meeting: 11 June 2019

This Month

This is the month for people about to start work in the vineyard. We will be having a talk on Felco Equipment. Felco is a Swiss manufacturer of equipment for keeping your vineyard in trim. Such items as Secateurs, pruning saws, grafting and pruning knives and loppers. This is a chance to find out the equipment you really need to take care of your vineyard or garden properly.

Of course we will also have the Sheila Lee Liqueur and Fortified mini comp., so don't forget to bring your entries.

Monthly Meeting

At last month's meeting we had an interesting tasting of wine. Two bottles of "Peregrine Ridge Shiraz 2008" were presented to all that were present. The same wine had been placed in each of the bottles. One bottle had a cork closure the other was a screw top. Roughly ten years in the bottle. The differences were interesting. Preferences were mixed. Isn't it always going to be that way.

If you missed the meeting, you can try it yourself. The bottles were \$50 each. Could have been easier to come to the meeting.

Coming up

At the July meeting, we will be having the Annual General Meeting. You will have recently received your Subscription notice, along with which you should have noticed the nominations slip. Please remember to use the slip. As is normal, at the end of each financial year, all of the positions in the guild are vacated and offered to the membership.

If you would like to take on the Presidency or Newsletter Editor, then fill in the slip and return it to Glen Fortune.

YOU DRINK
REGULARLY OR
OCCASIONALLY?

I DRINK OCCASIONALLY,
BUT THE OCCASION COMES
REGULARLY.



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.

Wine tasting outing

A wonderful day was had. The weather gods looked on us favourably again. Gee, they are good to us. Starting with the cheese and wine tasting at Morgan's Winery. The cheese was a treat and sold well. Moving on to Helen's Hill, the bus got lost but that was just one of many times for the day. Finally we ended up at Killara Vineyard where Lou brought out his Nebbiolo for a vertical tasting, 2015/2016. That was one of the highlights before sitting down to lunch. A very enjoyable outing.



Cordon Corner

Winter is once again upon us and hopefully we are all up to date with the post vintage chores. Time to plan the pruning programme by taking a good look around the vines to see how they performed and make a few notes on what changes could be made to improve next season. Take particular notice to shoot density, shoot growth and bud spacing. It's a good idea to tag the vines that require that little bit of extra attention or rework and maybe start with them so that the rest of the vineyard is uniform and pruning becomes a straight forward operation.

As usual, cordon corner will be taking a winter break and will hopefully return in the spring at the start of the new season. Should anyone have any queries about winter activities in the vineyard such as planting, pruning, trellising or training, just contact me and we shall see how we can assist.

Mike Payne

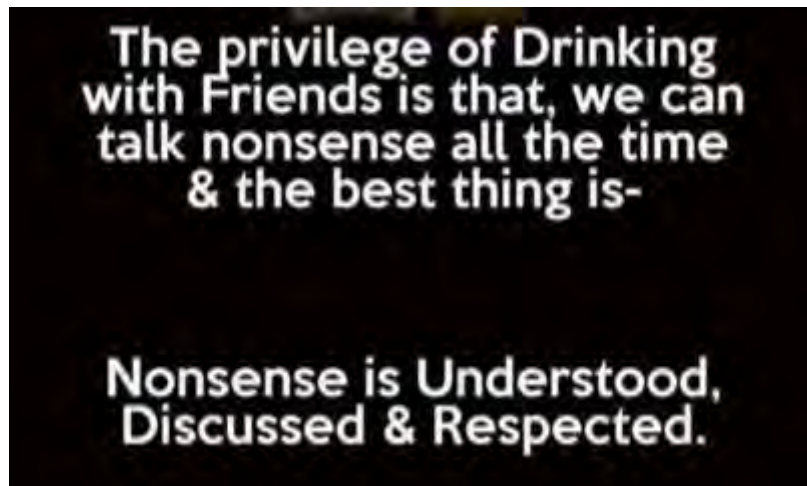
Cheese, Biscuits and Supper Roster

Thank you so much to those members who have helped with this roster, you have done a fabulous job. Val & Pam Henry are on for this month. Need a few more people to put their hand up for the rest of the year, so if you would like to help out, just send Yashmin an email yasminbeaumont@msn.com

Group Purchases

Here we go again spending money. The Guild will be buying 10kg of Boisé® Signature T Oak Chips . The desire is to spread the joy amongst those members that would like to try something slightly more premium. The intention is to split the purchase among those who show interest. If you are interested please contact Peter Enness.

On the same line there will be a purchase of Stainless Steel Crown Seals suitable for Sparkling wine whether White or Red. Again please contact Peter Enness to register your interest.



Samepage

A few members have been getting annoyed by the number of emails they receive from Samepage. Rather than just delete Samepage, I would suggest that you look to the settings.

If you are using your mobile phone, open Samepage press the button at the bottom. The one with the four coloured dots in a circle. At the top of the page you should have a black dot with Frankston Amateur Winemaker beside it. At the end of the row is a "cog" . You need to press the cog, which will give you the "settings menu". Looking down the list you will find "Notification settings". Open Notification Settings.

In this list you will find a heading "Notify me about". The default is everything (that is the problem here) Change this to "Only messages for me". That should resolve your problem.

Good luck and if that doesn't work, find Rod Beaumont for help.

Annual Dinner

Details to follow, Yashmin has a few leads to follow up on, so we will know more at the June meeting, stay tuned.

Wine Show Entry Dates

Frankston Amateur Winemakers Guild Wineshow: Entries open : Now

National Cool Climate Wine Show : Entries Open: Monday 1st July 2019, 9am AEST

Eltham District Wine Guild Show: Entries open : Now

Wineshow

We are rapidly approaching another Wineshow. This show is how the Guild manages to stay afloat. It is vital to the effective running of the Guild.

Just stop and think for a moment, without the Guild where would you get your grapes next year.

With that in mind now is the time to act in two entirely different ways.

1. Select your wines for entry to the wineshow. Go online to the Guild Website and enter your wines.
2. Nominate yourself to assist in the running of this years Wineshow. Give Glen Fortune a call or an email. He will be delighted to hear from you and offer you an opportunity to help out at this years show. Remember the more people that help the less each has to do.

Further, if you have an RSA, then now is the time to do an update:

https://liquor.vcglr.vic.gov.au/rsa_refresher/

Good luck to all.



Monthly Activity Calendar

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
11 June 2019	Felco talk	Sheila Lee Liqueur & Fortified mini Comp.
9 July 2019	AGM	Home Made Night
13 August 2019	Old, Unusual and Mulled Wine night Wine Option?	Frankston & South Eastern Wineshow. Open day 25 August.
10 September 2019	Talk regarding specific wine for the John Lee Trophy	Wineshow de-brief, demonstration & discussion of wine faults
8 October 2019		Chris Myers Red Wine mini-comp
12 November 2019	Talk on Phylloxera	Eltham Wine Show Mansfield Wine Show
December 2019	No formal meeting this month Christmas Party instead	Annual Auction

Social Events and links

[16-19 October: National Cool Climate Wine Show](#)

[Sunday 11 November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

[Friday 17 November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

[March: Red Hill Cider Show](#)

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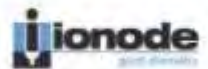
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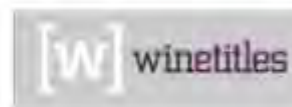
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