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Next Meeting: 10 September 2019

This Month

Our Speaker for September will be Adam Dickson of Massoni Wines in Dromana. Until recently Adam worked for Winequip in SA and recently transferred to their Melbourne operation before changing over to Massoni. Adam assisted in the Show judging. Perhaps there will be some thoughts on just how to gain some valuable improvements to our wines.

Of course there will also be the now standard discussion regarding the dominating faults encountered during the show Judging.

Something to look forward to is that Mike Payne will be coming to visit us in October to educate us in how to look after our grape vines, with an emphasis on vineyard spray programs.

There is a lot happening. Time to get involved.

Last month we had the old or unusual wine night. Quite a range and, perhaps surprisingly, none rejected. The most impressive being the 1943 Hardy Show Port. **That opportunity won't come around again.**

Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages.

Louis Pasteur

Eltham Wine Show

Sunday 17 November 10.30am-2.30pm.

The Eltham Wine Show is Australia's largest competition for amateur grape winemakers, meadmakers, country winemakers and liqueur makers.

Professional, highly experienced judges will score every wine and provide insightful commentary, and entrants will have access to a free workshop on how to improve their wines after the Show.

A strong commercial category allows all to enjoy comparisons across amateur and commercial wines, and to improve and learn together.

Visitors to the Show will enjoy tastings of all wines entered, as well as a commemorative wine glass to take home.

High quality printed results book available on Show Public Day

Medals for all bronze, silver and gold award winners

Free workshops on the day

Parking at B'Darra

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 landlord. Please **DRIVE SLOWLY.**

FAWG Web Page

Don't forget the FAWG website:

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

Or the "Facebook" page:

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

A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I have never met a miserly wine lover.

Clifton Fadiman

Cordon Corner

Well it's that time of year again, spring is in the air and the Cordon Corner returns. For those on the peninsula it has certainly been a wet winter, particularly in the latter part. The average August rainfall total is around 55mm and we have already received double that at 112.0mm.

Hopefully, the pruning is all done and all cleaned up ready for the new season. If anyone experienced **powdery mildew in the vineyard during last season it's probably a good idea to apply lime sulphur at least once around bud swell to try and control the overwintering spores.** Now is a good time to check the shed to see what fungicides and chemicals you have in stock and start planning your spray programme which we will be looking at in more detail next month.

Mike Payne

Australian National Wine and Beer Show

Entries due 24th September 2019

<https://anawbs.org.au/how-to-enter/>

Mansfield Wine show

On the same weekend as the Eltham wineshow, we have the Mansfield wine show. I expect that as in years past Pepe Buden will deliver your wines to the show, so that means that you will need to give them to him at our meeting on the 14th of November.

Of course, you will need to enter the wine show separately.

The wines will be judged in the following categories:

BWC (Best White Current) vintage 2018

BWP (Best White Previous) any previous vintage

BRC (Best Red Current) vintage 2018.

BRP (Best Red Previous) any previous vintage

BCW (Best Country Wine) any vintage

Entry details available on the FAWG website:

<http://www.fawg.org.au/documents/Mansfield%20Wineshow%202018%20Entry%20information%20package.pdf>

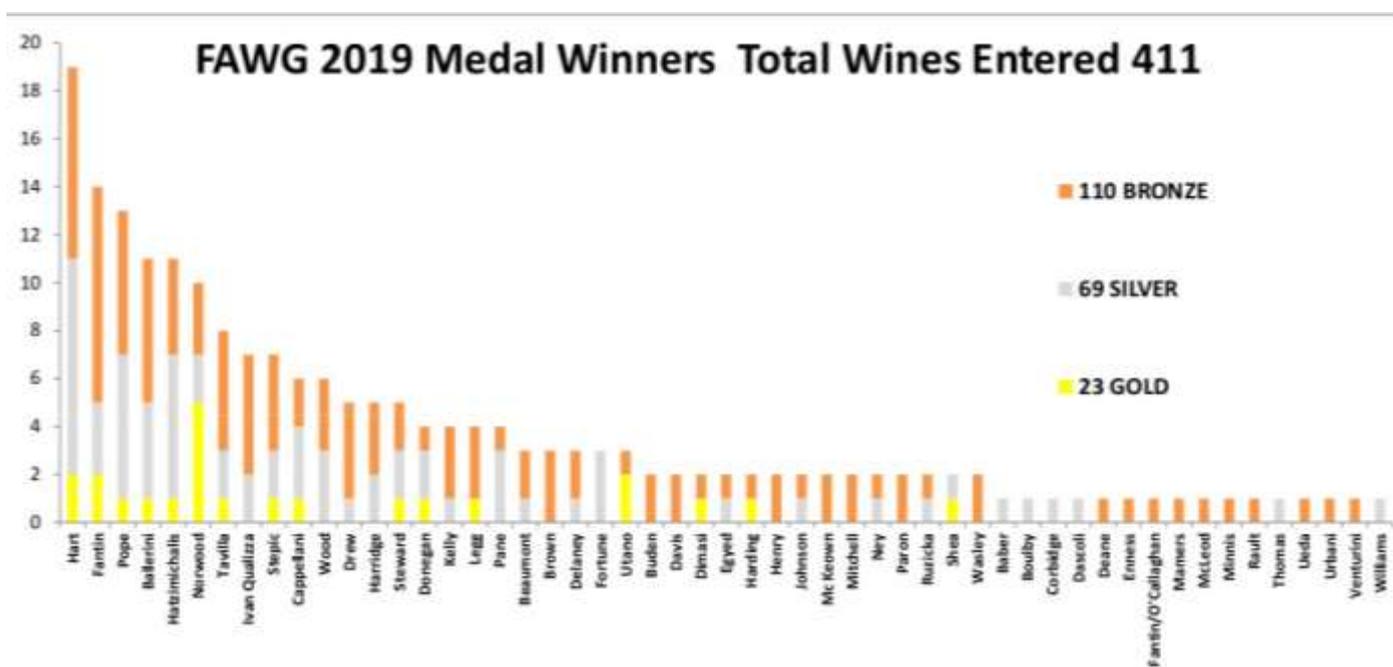
Commemorative Wine Label Competition

Entries are required for the Commemorative Wine Label Competition. We have a couple of entries, but a few more would be really nice. Makes it harder for the Judges. Do we have Judges? Well someone will **need to decide. It'll make it harder for them.**

Get your artistic streak going, show your flair not just in the wine you make but also in the labels you use to describe it.

All entries to Peter Enness.

Wineshow Results



Wine making Classes

For the first time the wine making classes will be held in October. This will provide those doing the course the opportunity to make the decision whether they would like to move on to making wine from grapes and still have time to place an order for the 2020 vintage of grapes.

Classes will be held over two weekends at the beginning of October from 9.00—12.00 in the morning. As you are all aware this is an introductory course, and so the participants will be making a country wine.

The cost of the course is \$150 which covers the purchase of all of the equipment required to make five litres of wine.

Ok, so why am I telling members? Well, that is easy. You may know someone who would like to start making wine just like you. If you do, then get them to contact our President Peter Enness on:

President@fawg.org.au or 0490852043.

Christmas Lunch and Auction

This will be held at 12noon on Sunday December 8th at B'Darra, you will only need to bring nibbles, a glass and of course your sun hat. Dessert is included in the \$21.

We can take 60 people only, so make sure you pay into the FAWG account or bring cash along to the next meeting. We would like to have members first and if we have spots left these can go to non members. Pierre will let me know who has paid, so there is no need to contact me to say you are coming, so best to pay up front first, then you know there is a spot for you. Also start to check at home for all those hidden treasures gathering dust that you know need a much more loving home where they will be taken care of for the Auction.

Cheese, Biscuits and Supper Roster

Thanks to Val and Pam Henry who have offered to do this months cheese and biscuits and supper set up, we need someone for October and November, so if you can help out please let me know.

yasminbeaumont@msn.com or 0413 547 971.

Wine Show Scoring System

For those who are not paying attention to discussions on "Samepage", there has been a discussion regarding the suitability of the FAWG Wine Judging sheets.

It has been thought that there should be a review to take place, in an attempt to improve on the current sheet.

Should you have any thoughts on improvements or inadequacies of the sheet used for judging wine then it would be appropriate to put your thoughts together in writing, so that they may be considered when the review takes place.

Opportunity

This opportunity hasn't come around for six years. Don't miss your chance. This Newsletter is looking for a new editor. This is your chance to place your own special influence on the Guild. Stick your hand up and say "I'm the one, Let me do it!!!"

Remuneration: The level of remuneration in this position is in line with the highest level of remuneration within the Guild.

Influence: Along with becoming the Newsletter editor, you get a free entry to the Guild Committee. What better way to help control the direction of the Guild.

Don't wait, say "YES" now.



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Monthly Activity Calendar

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
10 September 2019	Adam Dickson of Massoni Wines in Dromana Talk regarding the specific wine for the John Lee Trophy	Wineshow de-brief, demonstration & discussion of wine faults
8 October 2019	Mike Payne will discuss Vineyard Spray requirements and programs.	Chris Myers Red Wine mini-comp
14 November 2019	Talk on Phylloxera	Eltham Wine Show Mansfield Wine Show
8 December 2019	No formal meeting this month— Christmas Party instead	Annual Auction
14 January 2020		
11 February 2020		Sparkling Wine mini comp
12 March 2020		Red Hill Wine and Cider Competitions

Social Events and links

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

[24 September: Australian National Wine and Beer 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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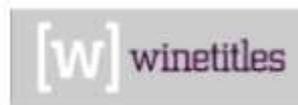
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