



Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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Next Meeting: 11 April 2017

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This month:

Steve Byrnes of Vintessential will come along to tell us all about what Vintessential can do for us. He will also talk to us about his experiences in making Shiraz wine.

Gordon Evans White Wine Mini Comp

Do not forget your entries for the Gordon Evans White mini Comp. Remember to win Winemaker of the year you must have entered mini comps during the year. This is another chance to make your claim on the trophy.

Chardonnay Focus Group

Many thanks to everyone that came and helped pick our grapes on Saturday 18th March, it was a very busy day. The grapes had a vigorous start to ferment and it has now come to a stop, onto our next chapter of oaking and we will need to add the malolactic bacteria to help with the malolactic fermentation. Will keep you informed of further developments. Thanks to Bill and Kaye for taking everyone under their wing.

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Our Sponsors—Hanna Instruments



FAWG Web Page

Don't forget the FAWG website:

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

Or the "Facebook" page:

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

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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.

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Grape Season Update

It has been a later vintage in 2017, with a long cooler growing season. This resulted in grapes at vintage having a high pH with lower Baume than usual.

General advice—be careful to not over acidify your wines.

The Mildura region has experienced warm days with cooler than normal nights, similar to two years ago.

*Money can't buy you happiness unless
you spend it on making wine*



Cordon Corner

At this time most of the picking in the peninsula vineyards is coming to a close with the majority of grape varieties harvested and the bird nets being removed and packed away for another season. Most of our attention is now turned to the winemaking but don't forget to give the vines a good feed and drink as there is a short burst of root growth at this stage and the longer we can keep the plants functioning the better it is for next season. It is also a good time while still fresh to record as much vineyard and harvest information as possible for future reference.

Finally, a special thanks to guild member David Wood who gave up his time and worked tirelessly to assist us with the harvest and also to Matt Drew who unselfishly surrendered his grape order so that we could reach our minimum requirement of fruit for the winery.

Mike Payne

TIP OF THE DAY:

Daylight Savings finishes this weekend. Prepare for the change by having your 5 o'clock wine at 4 o'clock.



*What I like to drink most is wine
that belongs to other people*

- Diogenes

Woodonga Wine Show

Congratulations to all of the FAWG members who entered the Woodonga Wine Show. The results aren't available, but you have done well representing the guild.

Monthly Activity Calendar 2016/17

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
11 April 2017	Steve from Vintessentials to talk on his wine experience and Vintessential Services	Gordon Evans White Wine Mini Comp
9 May 2017		Sparkling wine mini comp
13 June 2017		
11 July 2017		Homemade night
8 August 2017	Old, unusual and mulled wine night	Frankston & South eastern Wineshow Open day Sunday 28th August
12 September 2017	Chris Myers talk regarding specific wine for John Lee Trophy	Wineshow debrief demonstration & discussion of wine faults from show
10 October 2017		Chris Myers Red Wine mini-comp

Social Events and links

[Sunday 2 October: Australian National Wine and Beer Show](#)

[11– 14 October: National Cool Climate Wine Show](#)

[Sunday 13 November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

[Friday 18 November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[March: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

March: Red Hill Wine Show

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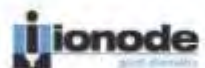
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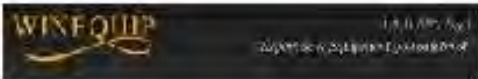
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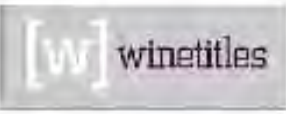
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