



Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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This month:

This month our meeting is all about the vineyard. We will be entertained by a favourite friend of the FAWG Guild, Mike Payne. Mike has provided his expertise for some considerable amount of time through the section of this newsletter known as "Cordon Corner".

We maybe having a tasting of gold medal country wines from the FAWG wine show.

We need more donations of supper please, we except anything you wish to bring.

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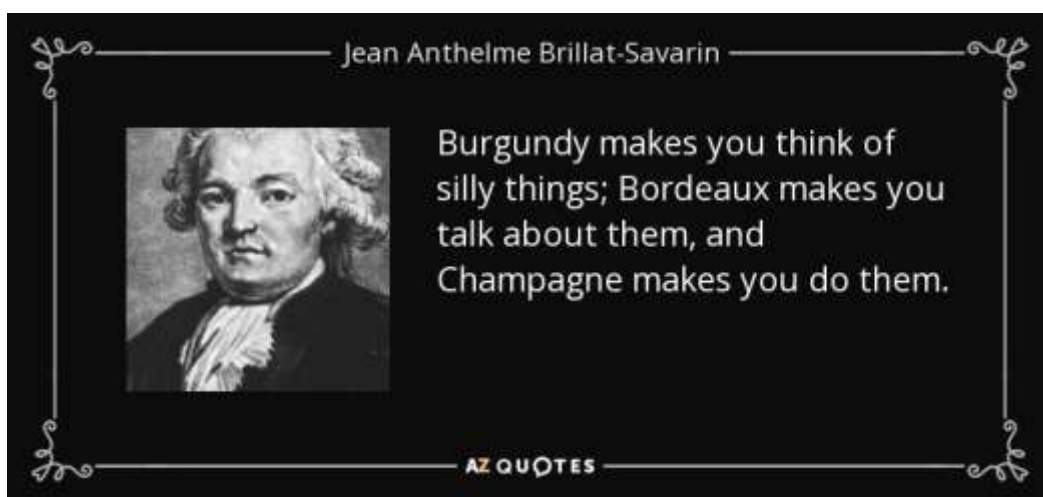
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Eltham District Wine Guild Show

For those that have entered wine in the Eltham Wines Show, GOOD LUCK. To those that do well, of course there is no luck. Congratulations on your art and skill.

Unfortunately, this year the Guild has been unable to book the usual bus. So if you are heading to the Venuto Club to see how things are, you will need to organise your own transport. Or better yet, organise with a few others so that you have a full car.

Sunday 19th November 2017.

Special points of interest:

Xmas Luncheon

Wine Classes

Mansfield Wine show?

Cordon Corner

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.

Grape orders

For those who still haven't made an order for this seasons grapes, please talk to David Hart. We need to confirm our order to ensure our continued supply. This currently applies to all requirements for Cabernet, Shiraz and/or Grenache.

This year we may have access to Mike Payne's grapes, both Pinot and Chardonnay. Mike will be at the next meeting. The supply of Mike's grapes is limited. It will be first in best dressed. Alternately, the early bird gets the grapes. (Yes, I know he uses nets).

Wine Classes

Have you got a friend, no not just a friend, one who wants to learn about making wine. Now is the time to start talking to them about the possibility of doing the class. This is where most members have gained our foundation in winemaking, and the offer is open to your friends and mine.

Classes will be held on three Saturday mornings in February. That is 10th, 17th and 24th of February. Brochures are available: <http://www.fawg.org.au/?page=10>

Now all you have to do is talk to your friends. Maybe take a bottle of wine for the discussion.

Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit. (Conrad Hilton)

Sparkling competition dates

Just a reminder that the Sparkling wine mini competition will be in February. That provides you with plenty of time to prepare your submissions for the competition.

Christmas Luncheon and Auction Sunday 10th December

Start thinking about the Christmas Luncheon and Auction. With wishes for a day as good as last year, we will be holding the annual function at B'Darra. That's right where we hold our meetings.

The day begins at 12noon with lunch being served at 1pm, so we can get home at a reasonable time. The price for members will be \$12, the price for non-members is \$20.

Once again, Noel Legg will be conducting the Xmas Auction. We are now looking for donations for the Auction. Not that thing you bought last year, something different.

Money to confirm your attendance can be paid directly into the FAWG account :

BSB: 633 000 Acct: 143837391 make sure you put down your name into the reference line.

If you are a vegetarian can you please let me know so we can organise something for you.

Lamb, beef and pork are available with vegetables and salads.

BYO nibbles, glasses and bring a dessert to share. Let Yashmin know what dessert you will be bringing along. Please also bring serving spoons, I still have a plastic serving spoon from last year.

Wine show Director and Caterers

FAWG is looking for a new Wine show Director, interest needs to be shown now as it is 10 months away., Peter Enness is only to happy to provide you with all the information you will require and is the person to speak to if you need to know more.

We also require a person/s to take over Meeting nights catering for next year after June. Hoping to find someone to just do the wine show catering as well, this involves 3 days of organising food for the judges, stewards and others on Friday and Saturday and providing items for the public on Sunday. Yashmin would love to hear from you, so please come and speak to her regarding either of the catering tasks.

Mansfield Wine Show

At the time of writing, there is concern about this years Mansfield Wine Show. If you are still interested in entering wine in this show, you can only express your interest at this time. Contact John@Owen.net.au to express your interest. If the show is on, then he will provide details.

Assuming all is good, Pepe Buden will do the deliveries again this year.

Frozen Fruit Orders

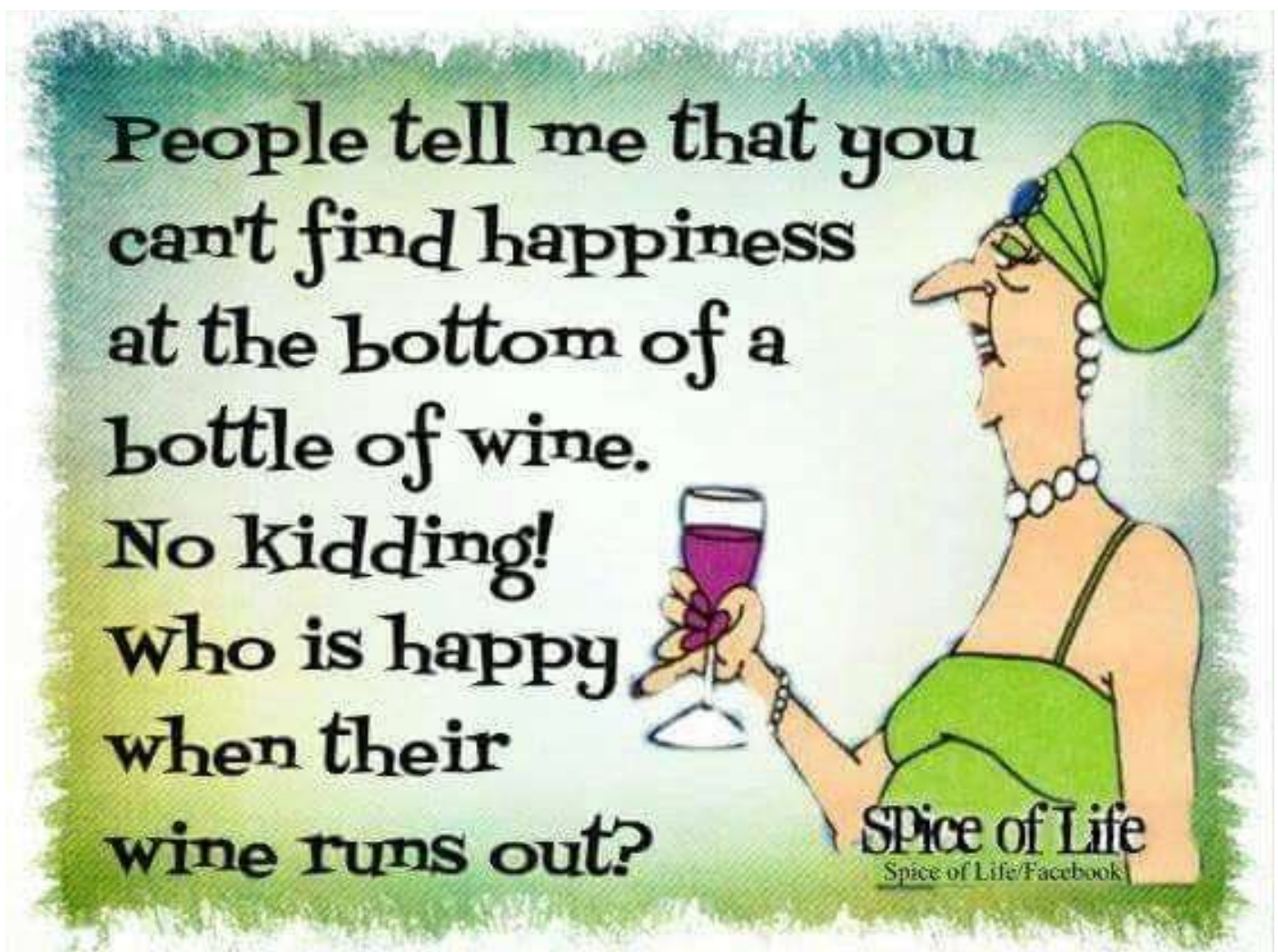
If you are interested in purchasing frozen fruit, then John Steward is your primary contact, so catch up with him at the meeting.

Cordon Corner

The Melbourne spring weather is behaving in the usual way, delivering a mix of just about everything so our attention should be turning to shoot thinning, maintaining an open canopy and applying protectant fungicides. Also, flowering is just around the corner so we need to be mindful of the plants requirements and the disease susceptibility at this time. Now is also the time to check the sap flow for those attempting to try their hand at one of the many grafting techniques?

Should anyone have any queries or feel that they require more information regarding all this current vine activity or any other area of vineyard care and maintenance, bring your questions along to the November meeting.

Mike Payne



Monthly Activity Calendar 2017/18

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
14 November 2017	Mike Payne to Talk on vineyard care and maintenance	Eltham Wine Show Mansfield Show
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		
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	TBA Bus trip wineries tour wine tasting and lunch	

Social Events and links

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

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

[Sunday 19 November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

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

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

March: Red Hill Wine Show

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