



Frankston Amateur
Wine Guild
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Next Meeting: 9 October 2018

This month:

This month we have the BIG one. The Chris Myers red wine mini comp. Now, just about everyone makes a red wine. Have a look around and see if you have a spare (or not spare) bottle that you can put into this competition. Remember you need results from mini comps like this to be eligible to win the Winemaker of the year.

Come along and get your entries in.

It will be a big month with Lisa Caldwell coming to talk to us about apple cider. Lisa is well known to the guild, having once been a member. She will be guiding us on how to make Cider, in anticipation of the introduction of a Cider Challenge during the next year. To aid everyone in having a try, Lisa will have details on how to obtain some Cider apple juice.

Mario Fantin will drop in to remind those who are late with their Eltham Wine Show entries. A lot going on this month.

Wine Shows

Eltham District Wine Guild Show

Entries close: Friday 13th October 2018

Mansfield Wine Show

Entries close: No later than 12 midday on Thursday 15th November. Remember bring your wines to the November Meeting for Pepe Buden to take them to the show.





Eltham & District Winemakers Guild

Established 1969

Fellowship through home winemaking

Come and visit Australia's largest Amateur Wine Show

2018 Eltham Wine Show - Sunday 11 November (from 10:30AM to 2:30 PM)

- 🍷 Featuring over 700 wines available for tasting
- 🍷 Separate "boutique" Professional Class
- 🍷 Gold medal and major Award winning wines on tasting
- 🍷 Midday - Award Presentations
- 🍷 Wine equipment & suppliers stands
- 🍷 Artisan Olive Oil sales and samples
- 🍷 Entry \$17, Pensioners \$10, Discount for Veneto Club members & Family Groups
- 🍷 Tasting Glass FREE with each admittance
- 🍷 Souvenir Tasting Guide \$10

Workshops and Demonstrations



Bistro lunch available at Veneto Club - last booking 2:15 pm, bookings essential - (03) 9850 7111

Venue : Veneto Sports and Entertainment Centre,
The Rialto Room, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen

www.amateurwine.org.au

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.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 9th December 2018. Put it in your diaries.

BYO glasses, nibbles and a hat and sunblock. Cost will be announced at the meeting as some consultation needs to be made. This party has always been worth attending. The food is good, we have the same caterer as last year, and Noel Legg amuses everyone with the auction.

Of course we will need items donated so that Noel can auction them. Please have a look around at home for items that you can donate to the guild for the auction.

Cordon Corner

So far the growing season around the peninsula has got off to a slightly slower start as a result of cool conditions which is good as it is providing us with some time to make sure all is ready for when the vines do take off. It's a good practice to take the time to walk through the vines and rub off any unwanted buds, particularly around the trunk and in the crown where it could create dense growth later on. Removing unwanted growth early will also save valuable plant resources and promote growth in the right places of the vine. By now you should also have a plan for your fungicide spray program and have your spray gear ready to go. The most common start is with a couple of applications of sulphur and copper while the weather is cool and save the big guns for flowering time around November. More on spraying fungicides and insecticides next month.

Mike Payne

Grape orders

Wow, time to order next seasons grapes already. Heathcote grape orders are now being taken ring David on 0419 981 927 don't delay and risk missing out get your order in early!!!!!!

Grapes for sale Cabernet and Pinot Noir
Bitten by the grape
Ring David on
0419 981 927

Grape challenge 2019 is Verdelho

There will be 10 to 15 lots of 50 kg available from Tom at Coolart Estate on a Group picking basis on a date to be nominated
price to be advised

Orders to be filled on a first come basis , get your order in now .

Osica's wines

Paul Osica has been supplying bulk wine to the guild for a number of years. Paul's wine comes from near Heathcote, and is a good buy especially for new winemakers who are still trying to build up the stocks of wine they have made themselves.

As usual, Paul will be offering 23 litre drums for \$200. That will work out to about \$7.00 per bottle.

If you are interested in supplementing your wine supply, call Peter Enness 046606607.

Liqueur Challenge

Last year saw a change in the Liqueur Challenge. Members were asked to nominate the Liqueur they were proposing to make. They would then be offered some of the vital ingredient for manufacture of their proposed Liqueur.

It is now time to nominate for next years Challenge. Look for a sheet at the next meeting.

Australian Wine Regions

Having recently travelled through the eastern states of Australia, I can happily report that there was no shortage of wineries through Queensland and NSW. (although a Date winery in outback Queensland had closed to my disappointment.)

I was happy to visit Queensland's western most winery at St. George, and a winery in Dubbo. There were some great delights though with a visit to Mudgee Region wineries. Definitely worth another visit. We missed Stanthorpe Qld.(The Granite Belt) We also missed the Hunter Valley. There were wineries in Cowra NSW, but we didn't attend. As with wineries in Orange/ Bathurst. There were also a number of wineries in odd spots in towns by themselves. Just too many to visit in one trip.

Another highlight was a winery tour at Mc. Williams in Griffith NSW. Graciously, Paul Richardson took us with our dog around the winery with a crush capacity of 43,000 tons of grapes a year. Taking barrel samples as we went, even got to sample a trial wine. Finished the tour with an Antipasto platter and a glass of Mc. Williams Reserve Touriga wine. A lot of fun.

I can see another holiday coming up.



Gardens Open

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER
10am TO 4pm

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Morning or Afternoon Tea are available to enjoy on the deck.

Enquiries to Nola 0412484131

ENTRY \$5 PER GARDEN

Monthly Activity Calendar

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
9 October 2018	Lisa Caldwell talking about cider	Chris Myers Red Wine Mini Comp.
13 November 2018	Talk on the use of enzymes in wine	Eltham Wineshow Mansfield Wineshow
December 2018	No formal meeting this month. — Christmas party instead	Annual Auction
8 January 2019		
12 February 2019		Sparkling wine mini comp
12 March 2019		Red Hill Cider Show
9 April 2019		Gordon Evans white wine mini comp.

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](#)

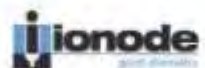
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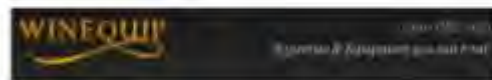
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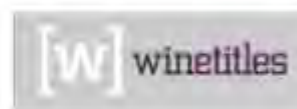
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