



# Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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### This month:

This month we will look back on the results of the FAWG wine show. Perhaps to understand the difficulties that some winemakers had but more importantly, to look at some of the successes. Let's hope there might be some Gold Medal wines to sample and hear the stories behind how they were made.

We will also hear about the John Lee Trophy proposed wine, VEGETABLE, from Chris Myers. This category of delicate wines gave some difficulty to a number of winemakers at the show, so it will be very important to listen closely to what Chris has to say.



### 37th Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show

Venue: Waite Campus (University of Adelaide), Urrbrae. (Please refer to the ANAWBS website for the location map). <http://www.anawbs.org.au/>

Entries close 7th September. All entries must be delivered to:

Winequip Products, 59 Banbury Road, Reservoir 3073

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## 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

It is time to start thinking about your grape orders for 2018. This year we may have access to Mike Payne's grapes, both Pinot and Chardonnay. We will, of course, still be bulk buying Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot, etc. What are you going to make and how much will you require?

## Wine Classes

I know, you have already done a wine class!!! You may have a friend, or workmate who has shown interest in your hobby. Maybe they would like to have a go themselves.

Now is the time to start talking to them about the possibility of doing the class. This is where most of us have gained our foundation in winemaking, and we should be offering the same to our friends. The bottom line is the more members we have the better our group buying power is. That is what makes it easy to buy good grapes at a good price.

It is in your own interest.

With this in mind, think about your frozen fruit requirement so that you can purchase in bulk with the "Wine Class" order. We need someone to take on the coordination of the frozen fruit orders. What about you?

## Changes to competition dates

For those interested in entering either the fortified or sparkling wine mini competitions, please be aware of the date changes.

Traditionally the fortified competition was in February, and the Sparkling wine competition was in June. Both were out of season for when they would normally be consumed. As a result, the decision has been made to swap the dates.

From now, the Sparkling wine mini competition will be in February, and the Fortified mini competition will be in June.

## Wine Show Results

Congratulations to all who entered the FAWG wine show. Fawg results this year have been very good.

Gold: 23 medals

Silver: 61 medals

Bronze: 100 medals

A total of 33 members getting medals.

The Gold medal winners were: (in no particular order)

David	Hart
David	Wood
Frank	Di Stefano
Glen	Fortune
Ivan Qualliza /	Gavin Ellis
John	Utano
John	Winkels
Libby	Hatzimichalis
Matthew	Drew
Nick	Tavilla
Noel & Jo	Legg
Peter	Enness
Rino	Ballerini
Robert	Chionna
Steve	Brown

## Eltham Wine Show

Don't forget about the upcoming Eltham wine show. If you had a problem with your wine, there is a chance to correct the concern and get the result you deserve.

Entry Details: <http://amateurwine.org.au/2017show.htm>

## Mansfield Wine Show

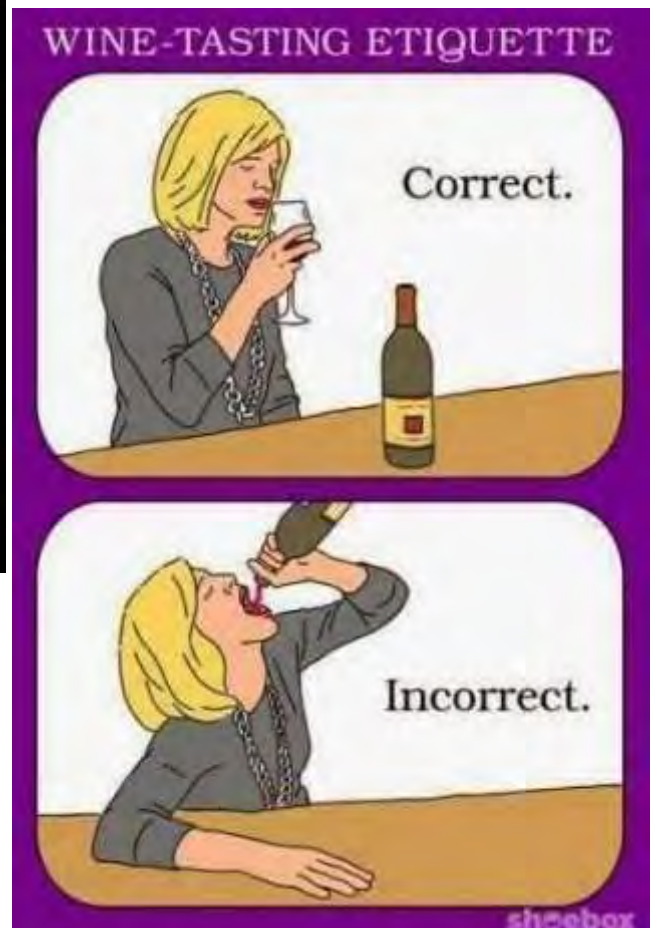
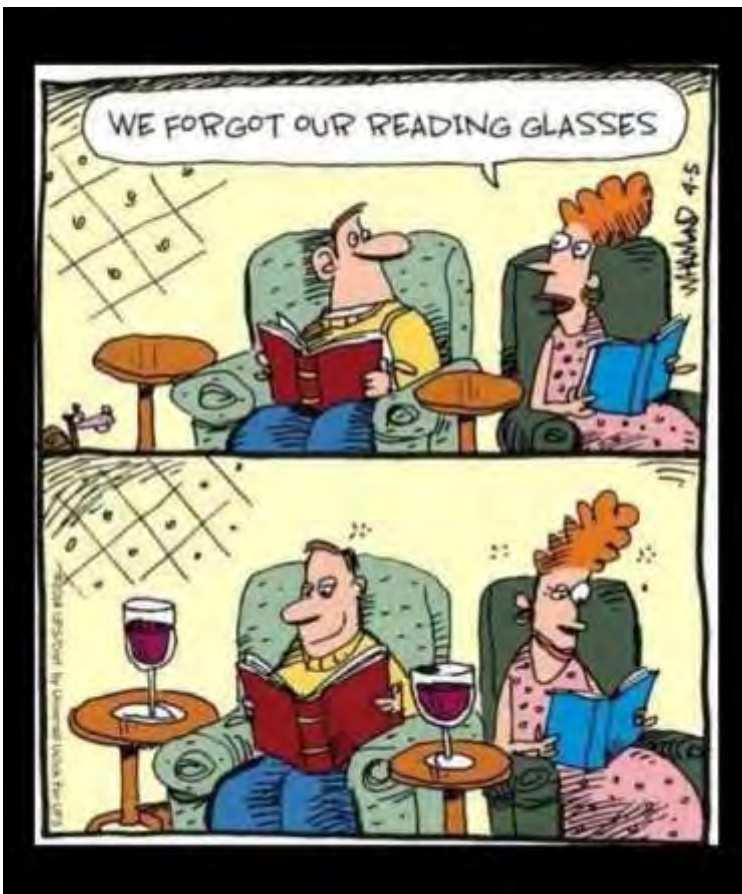
There is also the Mansfield Wine Show. We may be able to ask Pepe to do the deliveries again this year.

Entry details: <http://www.mansfieldaandpsociety.com.au/show.html>

## Cordon Corner

Here we go again! Its bud burst time for those of us growing grapes around the Peninsula, unless your place is well up the hill. By now the pruning should be all done, as should those little maintenance jobs and things like fungicide clean up sprays and growth regulators should be going on. Now is the last chance to get a good dose of weed killer on before those pesky suckers start appearing and while the vine is not taking up anything from below. Next thing is to plan your fungicide regime for the coming season, so venture in to the shed and have a look at what is in the arsenal and make a few notes. My plan this season is the same as always, to do whatever is necessary to grow the best quality fruit possible so that the winemaking is made easy.

Mike Payne



## Monthly Activity Calendar 2016/17

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
12 September 2017	Making your nominated liqueur Chris Myers talk regarding specific wine for John Lee Trophy—Vegetable	Wineshow debrief demonstration & discussion of wine faults from show
10 October 2017		Chris Myers Red Wine mini-comp
14 November 2017	Vintessential Laboratories to talk on products and services offered	Eltham Wine Show Mansfield Show
12 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

### Social Events and links

[1 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](#)

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

March: Red Hill Wine Show

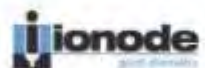
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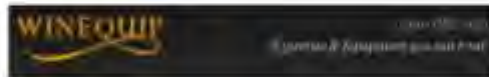
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