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CLUB MEETING

Wednesday March 4 2015

Commences 8pm (please be punctual)

Food and Wine Night

This month the Club's popular annual Food & Wine Night returns.

Once again Janne Williams, Denise and Chris Herbert will be presenting three food courses with interesting and possibly challenging wine matches. It is recommended that you do not have dinner beforehand.

The cost is \$30 per head which will be collected on the night.

Three places are still available for the Food and Wine Night; additional members or guests of members welcome. If you have booked but cannot attend please advise Janne Williams as soon as possible so that others may attend – janne_williams@hotmail.com or on 9819 2373.

Wine is not the only drink that's good for you.

Interview with 101-year-old Hattie Mae MacDonald.



Reporter:

"Can you give us some health tips for reaching the age of 101?"

Hattie:

"For better digestion I drink beer.
In the case of appetite loss I drink white wine.
For low blood pressure I drink red wine.
In the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch.
And when I have a cold I drink schnapps."

Reporter:

"When do you drink water?"

Hattie:

"I've never been that sick."

Calendar of Events 2015

- Autumn Harvest Dinner - 2 May
- August – Education Night
- November – AGM
- December – Christmas Dinner

Note that some dates are to be confirmed.

February committee meeting

Held at the home of Andrew and Janeen McFarlane

The theme for the first meeting of the year was simply 'shiraz'. Any vintage; any year; but region specific. The evening began with a casual chat; Janeen's tamari nuts and Morris Sparkling Shiraz Durif, around the bar.

The wines were a varied lot; and proved quite challenging when it came to assessing age and region. (No-one covered themselves in glory). The wines tasted in order were as follows:

1. Geoff Merrill 2001 McLaren Vale Shiraz (Graeme Wilson) – 19 points

Complex and very fine bouquet, of spice and mint, smoke and touch of 'funk'. Medium to full body palate, good balance and length, drinking very well.

2. Cardinham Estate 2008 Shiraz from Clare Valley (James Taylor) – 0 points

Opened initially with quite a smoky, tarry and black fruits bouquet. Big wine on the palate, some licorice (sorry Gerald!) but a little hard on the finish. Out of balance at this stage but could be better down the track.

3. Audrey Wilkinson Hunter Valley Shiraz 2011 (Brendan McEniry) – 0 points

This wine appears to have suffered under a faulty closure; i.e.; has prematurely aged and was quite dried out and flat. This wine is otherwise quite renowned (unfortunate).

4. Ngeringa JE Adelaide Hills Syrah 2009 (Chris Herbert) – 8 points

This wine is from a certified bio-dynamic vineyard and opened with lifted floral aromas; bright red fruits and mint tones. Mid weight, silky palate, fine tannins and good length and balance. A plus for Mother Nature.

5. Mount Langhi Ghiran Cliff Edge Shiraz 2010 Grampians (Andrew McFarlane) – 7 points

This wine is a good example of cool climate shiraz, triple trophy winner at the 2012 Sydney wine show. Spice and touch of earth on the nose; medium bodied, well balanced, intense flavours.

6. Pauletts Andreas Clare Valley Shiraz 2008 (Gerald O'Byrne) – 14 points

The 'BIG' wine of the night. Opened with huge plummy fruits, spice and oak on the nose. Very rich palate with good length and plenty of tannins. Would have been wine of the night given a bit more time to come together.

Conclusion: The two big wines won on the night. The two mid weights were very good examples of the future for Shiraz. We still love our big bold Shiraz it would seem.

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