



Wednesday 4th November 2015

Commences 8pm

(please be punctual if you want a glass of fizz!)

A.G.M.

**Phil 'The Nose' McGrath &
Andrew 'The Palate' McFarlane**

In addition to the presentation of reports and your new committee, we have engaged this suspect duo to put you through your paces ...

Following on from last year's highly successful tasting and educational presentation, the structure this time will be similar but different. The theme will involve shiraz, (last year was cabernet) but any more hints would jeopardize the challenge we are assembling. And if you thought there was plenty of "talk" last time, the Mc Team will be sure to entertain you with witty anecdotes and informed repartee. (Or at least plenty of bull—!)

Please contact Kaye if you are an apology

O'Leary Walker Riesling Offer

Please ensure you have your Credit Card details ready and your boots empty to fill with the wine orders!

Christmas Dinner – 2 December

Details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 2 December

Venue: Mr. Collines

Address: 747 Collins Street Docklands

Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm

Cost: TBA (similar to last year).

Wine: Sparkles on arrival supplied by the Club otherwise BYO (Remember this is the chance to bring something special from your cellar to share with fellow members)

Sign up list will be available at next week's meeting. Otherwise please email Maarten Bruin to book your place: mbruin@bigginscott.com.au

Wine Collection

Please remember that if you ordered wine at any club night, it is your responsibility to collect or arrange collection by another member if you can not attend.

Any queries regarding this, please contact Cellarmaster Chris Herbert

October Committee Meeting

The October Committee Meeting was held at the home of Tony O'Brien. The theme was 'The Bottle's Low Cup' or in other words Australian Reds vs New Zealand Reds (Rugby fans will get it).

Ten members were in attendance and the wines sampled on the night were in order of preference:-

Orlando Centenary Hill 2010 Barossa Shiraz (Andrew McFarlane) - 24.5 points.

Te Muna Valley, The Hawk 2008 Martinborough NZ, Pinot Noir (Chris Herbert) - 15.5 points.

Bylines 2005 McLaren Vale Shiraz (Kaye Vipond) - 9 points.

Pyramid Valley Vineyards Growers Collection 2011 Marlborough Pinot Blanc (Maarten Bruin) - 8 points.

Tamar Ridge Tasmania 2013 Pinot Noir (Gayle Sherwell) - 0 points.

From these results the Aussies won this round.

The more knowledgeable ones amongst you will notice however that one of the wines was not in theme. The first one to identify the offending wine will win an all expenses paid trip to the next Bottle's Low Cup.

At the end of the evening Tony presented a 'garage' special, a roughly 45 year-old (he couldn't exactly remember when he purchased it), Yaldara Sparkling Burgundy. Not surprisingly it had lost its sparkle, but was still drinking well.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now due and payable. The subscriptions for 2015-16 have been set at \$80 per member. The joining fee for new members is \$60. Please arrange to pay your subscription via EFT (details below; please include your name) or directly to our Treasurer Brendon McEniry.

The annual subscription is equivalent to the cost of 2 or 3 decent bottles of wine and entitles you to:

- 8 tastings per annum of six to eight wine per tasting from passionate winemakers at no cost
- Supper at each tasting at no cost
- Aged Club cellar wines used at Club events
- Grapevine monthly
- Like minded wine buddies (priceless)
- Opportunity to purchase wines at reduced prices.

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The Shiraz Club of Victoria

invites you to the annual
Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 2nd Decemeber 2015

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

at

Mr Collins

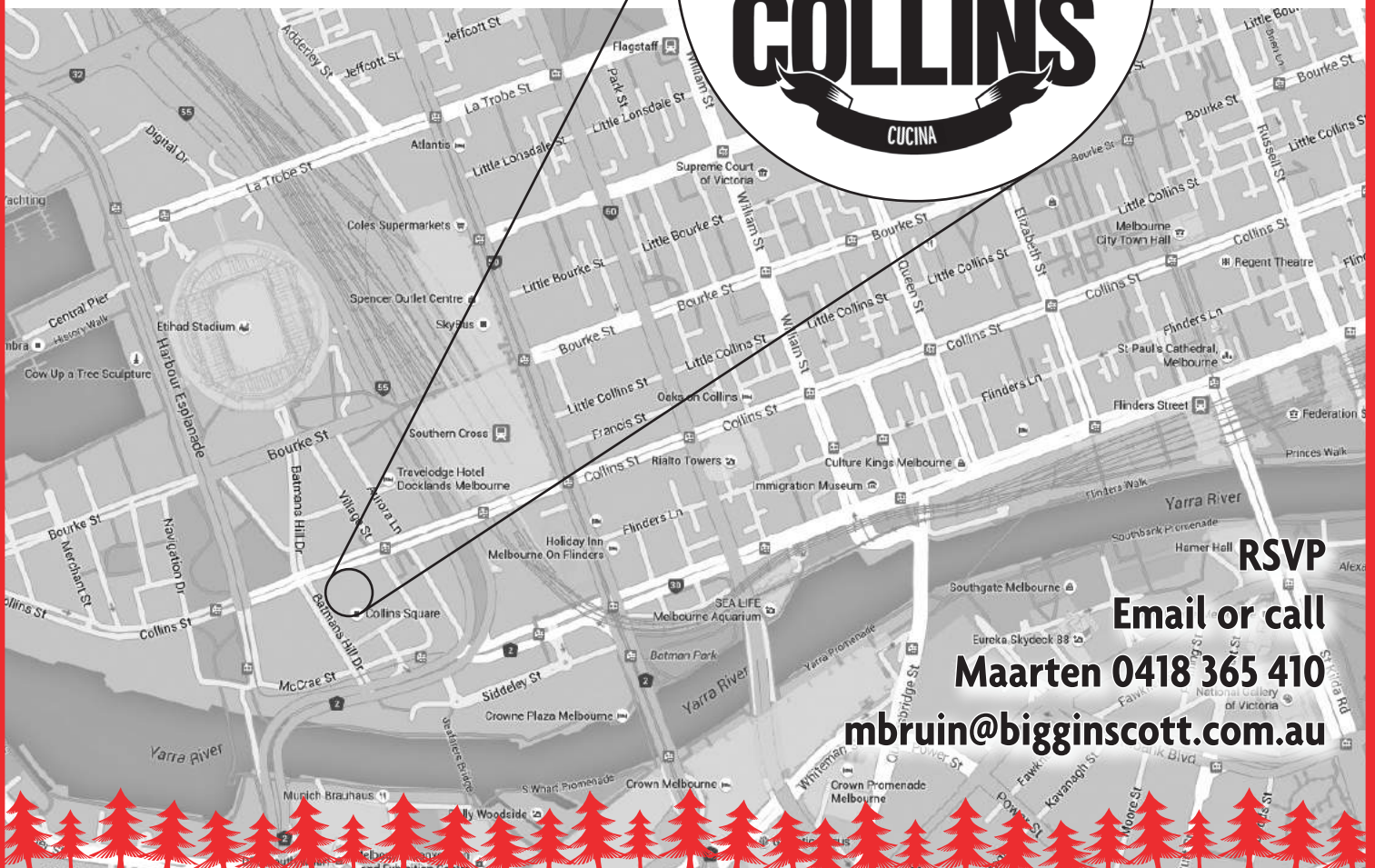
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Docklands

\$95 per head

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