



Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Commences 8pm

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

A.G.M.

Chris Herbert and Andrew 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 be a mystery and we are given to understand will be interesting and educational.

Please contact Brendon if you are an apology.

October Committee Meeting

The October Committee Meeting was held at the home of Tony O'Brien. The theme was 'Australian wines not typical of the area'. While it was suggested as an illustration of the theme, that a Tasmanian Durif or a Rutherglen Pinot Noir would fit the bill, thankfully perhaps, no one presented either of these.

As there were only eight committee members in attendance, due to overseas trips, sailing in warmer climates and birthday celebrations, only four wines were presented on the night, if you don't count a starting sparkling and a 40+ year Woodley's Champagne – when you could call an Australian sparkling champagne – it was flat believe it or not, but sort of drinkable.

The four wines in order of preference were:-

Domaine Chandon 2014 Shiraz – Yarra Valley – (Graeme Wilson) – 20 points

Gibson Discovery Road 2015 Zinfandel – Adelaide Hills – (Gayle Sherwell) – 19 points

Baileys 1994 Touriga – NE Victoria – (Gerald O'Byrne) – 7 Points

Quealy 2012 Nebbiolo – Pyrenees – (Andrew Mc Farlane) – 2 points

Christmas Dinner – 7 December

Shiraz Club Christmas Dinner to be held at Arkibar Cucina 100 Dorcas St., South Melbourne (NE corner of Dorcas St. and Kings Way) on Wednesday 7 December 2016

- Seven Course meal including canapés and cheese, with an Italian flavour
- Cost: \$110 per person which includes food, corkage and a tip ie. all inclusive.
- Time: 6.30pm (doors open) for 7.00pm (sparkling wine on arrival).
- 7.45pm sit down for main meal.

Midnight finish (it's midweek and some people have to work the next day, including the restaurant staff).

It's BYO wine, so as usual scour your cellar for a bottle or two or even three of something special. At least two wine glasses per person will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own glass if you are that way inclined.

Guests are welcome, and if you are coming can you please notify either/both, Tony O'Brien (tonyobrien33@gmail) or Graeme Wilson (gwilson@wilsonagents.com.au) by email with the names of all who are attending. If you have already placed your name on the list at the last club meeting this is not necessary.

An invoice will be issued by the treasurer once your booking has been received and payment in full is required at the latest two weeks before the event.

Let's make it a great farewell to the year.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now due and payable. The subscriptions for 2016-17 have been set at \$80 per member. The joining fee for new members is \$60.

Members will be invoiced for their annual subscription after the AGM. Please do not pay until you receive your invoice.

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

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