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CLUB MEETING

Wednesday 5 July 2017

Commences 8pm (please be punctual)

Guest Presenter

**Ben Riggs
Winemaker Mr Riggs,
McLaren Vale SA**



Ben has clocked up over 40 vintages between his beloved McLaren Vale and flying all over the world, getting his hands dirty, consulting to other producers, and including some notable accolades from many esteemed organisations including Winemaker of the Year (twice), Trophies and magazine tributes. His passion is Shiraz, but as you will see from tonight's offering there are some silky surprises up his sleeve.

Guests are most welcome

Please contact our Pres.

Committee meeting

The committee meeting for June was held at the home of James and Pamela Taylor.

Our theme this month was Cabernet from anywhere in Australia. Typical of the variety all the wines exhibited blackberries or dark berry flavours on the nose as the dominant note/flavour some with spices. The wines had been maturing in French and/or American oak barrels for 12-18 months. Most had well balanced tannins and as so often happens in the blind tasting, the wines differed significantly from one another, even though all were Cab Savs.

The wines in order of presentation were:

1. Ingoldby 2005 from McLaren Vale, South Aust – 4pts (Brendan)
2. Reillys 2010 from Clare Valley, South Aust – 10.5pts (Kaye)
3. Tahbilk 2088 Cab Sav Nagambi, Vic – 2pts (Tony)
4. Riddoch 2013 Coonawarra, South Aust – 16pts (Chris)
5. Kimbolten Reserve Block, 2014 Langhorn Creek, South Aust – 21.5 pts (Andrew)

To most of the Committee the Kimbolten was their first or second preference of the wines tasted, as the Reserve Block was deep red in colour and showing lifted notes of mulberries, rose petals, briar and spicy oak. A rich smooth palate of cherry ripe, spices and raspberry coulis meld seamlessly into the silky, elegant tannins with the oak playing the perfect backup role. Will drink now to 2025.

New Members

This month we welcome Axel Castillon and Daniel Brown to the Shiraz Club. Say hello to them at the next meeting.

We are open for ten new members this year, so bring your friends and/or family to a meeting as a guest so they can see directly what we do. At each monthly meeting there will be copies of a summary of all the activities of the Shiraz Club over a typical year. Please take one and pass it on. There will also be Membership Application forms available.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the new membership processes.

Janne Williams
Secretary



Calendar of Events 2017

- Casual Dinner
- November – AGM
- December – Christmas Dinner

Note that some dates are to be confirmed.

Day Trip

The day trip to the Bellarine Peninsula was a huge success. Thanks to James for great organisation. See over for some pictures – more on the Shiraz Club Facebook page.....

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