



CLUB MEETING

Wednesday 1st March 2017

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 cash per head which will be collected on the night. Plus \$5 for raffle tickets.

The night is fully booked. 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, M 0432536770

**Autumn Harvest LUNCH
Sunday 28 May
Royal Melbourne Golf Club**

This year the Autumn Harvest 'Dinner' will again be held at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Golf Club at Cheltenham Road, Black Rock.

However this year it will be a LUNCH event.

We will have a private room at RM with our own bar and balcony view over the courses. A sumptuous three course meal will be served matched to wines from the Shiraz Club cellar.

Please book at the next meeting. Places will be limited. Costs to be finalised but similar to last year. Further details to be advised.

Contact Gerald O'Byrne 0405 839 700.

Calendar of Events 2017

- Club Food & Wine Night - 1st March
- Autumn Harvest Lunch - 28 May
- Day Trip
- Casual Dinner
- November – AGM
- December – Christmas Dinner

Note that some dates are to be confirmed.

Committee meeting

Held at the home of Andrew and Janeen McFarlane 21st February 2017.

THEME: GSM Blends in any combination ie; SGM, MGS,GMS; etc.

The challenge being to identify which is the dominant variety in each wine.

As a group we were variously unsuccessful and concluded that most wines were well constructed and therefore difficult to deconstruct this style of wine (known as a Rhone blend being quite common in French wine from that region) has been gaining popularity in Australia in recent times.

The six wines tasted were all quite individual in their styles and represent what I consider very interesting drinking at a usually reasonable price (\$15 – \$35).

Wines in tasting order and points awarded:

Turkey Flat Butchers Block			
SGM	2015	(3 points)	Andrew
Tim Smith Wines			
MGS	2014	(12.5 points)	Kaye
Landhaus The Sinner			
GMS	2012	(1 point)	Janne
Tuesner Avatar			
GMS	2014	(10 points)	Brendan
Sons of Eden Kennedy			
GSM	2014	(3 points)	Tony
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GSM	2012	(18.5 points)	Graeme

Interesting to note, all wines are from the Barossa Valley and the two Sons of Eden examples were markedly different. The earlier example clearly winning the night; 3 firsts and 5 seconds), indicating either a better vintage or benefiting hugely from two extra years aging.

Note: G = Grenache, S = Shiraz, M = Mataro (Mourvedre)

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We encourage all members to join us on Facebook. Upload your photos, share your food and wine experiences and post any interesting news and events you might feel relevant to fellow members.



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