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CLUB MEETING

Wednesday 3 May 2017

Commences 8pm (please be punctual)

Guest Presenter

**Sandy Hallett Owner
ALKOOMI WINES
Frankland River. W.A.
Halliday 5 (red) star rating**



ALKOOMI

Very pleased to have anyone from WA. This is about as far from Melbourne you can get for an Australian wine experience, even visitors to Margaret River don't often get down here! At 330kms south of Perth this is one of the most remote growing regions from a major city in the world. To be bothered, there must be something in it! Sandy's family has been involved in the whole growing and Shiraz making wine thing for 3 (nearly 4) generations, and she is the heart and soul of this operation. A great chef as well, she is really well placed to tell us all about her family's wonderful wines. So different in so many ways, come along and share the experience.

Guests are most welcome

Please contact our Pres.

Autumn Harvest LUNCH Sunday 28 May Royal Melbourne Golf Club

WE ONLY HAVE TEN SPOTS LEFT – DON'T MISS OUT

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 or email lobgob@bigpond.net.au

Committee meeting

The April Committee meeting was held at the home of Gerald O'Byrne. The wine theme or brief was as follows:

Scenario: you are a member of the wine committee of a well-known golf club and your job is to select the club white and red wines to be served to members for the ensuing 12 – 18 months.

The wine varietals will be chardonnay and shiraz (preference for Victorian. Heathcote for the shiraz, but other places considered).

Other limitations concerning price and quantities available apply but let's not go there. Cap the retail price of your wine to \$30.

Wines must appeal to broad cross section of members. Must drink well immediately and have potential to age well over next two years.

In short – a good club white and club red.

The following wines were presented:

- Barinia Cabernet 2010 (Clare)
Sally Twopeny – 10 points (3rd place)
- Seppelts Chalambar Shiraz 2013 (Grampians & Heathcote) Janne Williams – 13 points (2nd place)
- Mt. Langi Edge Cliffs Shiraz 2014 (Grampians)
Kaye Vipond – 1 point
- Heathcote Winery Mailcoach Shiraz 2014 (Heathcote)
Graeme Wilson – 14 points (1st place)
- Mt. Langi The Divide Shiraz 2013 (Heathcote)
Andrew McFarlane – 1.5 points
- Arakoon Shiraz 2007 (McLaren vale)
Gerald O'Byrne – 8.5 points

It was explained that the golf club members had a preference for full bodied warm climate style red wines with plenty of fruit/tannins. The wines were assessed on how well they met the brief rather than personal preference. It was a close contest with the Heathcote Mailcoach and Seppelts Chalambar just winning. Both are classic club shiraz styles having a good pedigree and consistency across many vintages.

<http://www.executivestyle.com.au/12-rare-grapes-that-every-wine-lover-should-know-gv8pw>

12 rare grapes that every wine love



In the distant, cobwebbed past of the early 19thc, when I was first learning about wine, the choices were not so different from what they had been 100 years before.

Within the sparse selections that passed for restaurant wine lists back then, you would find, depending on the food, Bordeaux and Burgundy, Champagne and sherry, or Chianti and a few other Italian wines. Californian bottles were there, too, as the state emerged from the thrall of the "burgundy" and "chablis" jug wine era. Anything else was conveniently lumped together as "other."

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