



Club Meeting

Please note there will be no Club Meeting on Wednesday 1 March 2023 due to the 50th Jubilee Gala Dinner being held the following Wednesday 8 March.

50th Jubilee Gala Dinner

What promises to be a great night is fast approaching.

Please note the following:

- payments are due by 28 Feb
- **6.30 pm starting time**
- table seating is pre-allocated (look for the table plan near the entrance)
- 11.30 pm finish.

February Meeting Wine Orders

These will be delivered to the Elsternwick Club for the April Club meeting on 5 April. If not attending please arrange for someone to collect your order.



Previous Committee Meeting

The first Committee Meeting of 2023 was held at Janne Williams home. The Theme was Riesling, comparing young/recent release Riesling to old/cellared Riesling. We know Riesling is a style of wine which can age very well, and that it can change greatly with ageing. Fresh, citrus, floral, mineral, tropical fruit aromas and tastes, change with ageing into honey, caramel, preserved citrus, lanolin and even kerosene notes.

We tasted three wines in each category. We will start with the young wines. The first was the well known and consistent Pikes Traditional Riesling 2021 from the Clare Valley. It set a taste benchmark for the next wines. Gomersal Wines Clare Valley Riesling 2022 followed, and was readily identified as coming from this region. The third was a wine getting some positive wine press recently, Wickams Road Yea Valley Riesling 2022. It displayed a different taste profile and for some was too high in acidity.

Then on to the older wines. The oldest was a Richmond Grove Watervale Riesling 2002. Very developed in colour, aromas and taste, it continued to open up positively in the glass even after decanting. This was followed by Granite Hills Riesling 2014, from a well known winery to many Shiraz Club members. It was the highest scored on the night. We finished with Ad Hoc Wallflower 2013 from the Great Southern region in Western Australia.

At the end of the night when all voting was tallied up the three Aged wines were the three highest scoring wines.

Take home messages:

- Australian Rieslings can age not only beautifully, but for a long time. Invest in some and try over time to watch the development.
- If you want a reliable Clare Riesling, Pikes should be on your list. Drink some young, let some age.

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