

# Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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## August 2018

Next Meeting: 14 August 2018

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### This month:

Here we go, dig deep into the wine cellar and bring out those old bottles, it's time for the old, unusual and mulled wine night. Just to test your knowledge, there could be a wine option as well. These nights can be an absolute delight with wines that have stood the test of time, or it may be better to leave your taste buds at home. It is pure chance.

How lucky do you feel? (They are generally, pretty good)

The mulled wines are relatively new, so if you have a recipe then make some up and bring it along. Everyone enjoys a warm drink on the cold nights.

### Wine Show

We are still looking for stewards and other helpers for the wine show. The more the merrier. That is the more helpers the less everyone has to do. Let John Steward know if you can help out. He will be happy to have your help.

Remember:

Wine Judging: 24 & 25 August. If nothing else you get the experience of watching the experts.

Public Wine Tasting Sunday 26 August 2016 - From 10:00am to 3:00pm Members with RSA will have Guild aprons to help identify them.

For RSA members who haven't refreshed their training there is still time to go online and refresh your memory.

This is the major fund raising function for the guild each year. It is through events like this that we can afford functions.



### **Spit Roast Rolls \$12**

<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pork</i>
<i>Coleslaw</i>	<i>Coleslaw</i>
<i>Mint Jelly</i>	<i>Apple Sauce</i>

## FAWG Web Page

Don't forget the FAWG website:

<http://www.fawg.org.au>

Or the "Facebook" page:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheFAWG>

## Parking at the new Clubrooms

**Do not drive on the grass. You will be stuck in the mud and there are no facilities to get you out. You will also upset our new landlord. Please drive slowly.**

## Annual Dinner

From all reports, a good time was had by all of the attendees at the Annual Dinner. Josephine's Restaurant provided meals which either matched or exceeded the standard they had set the previous year.

That combined with the bottles of wine that were provided by the guild made the day a great success.

Well done to all involved. It is the success of these events that makes the guild a joy to be part of.

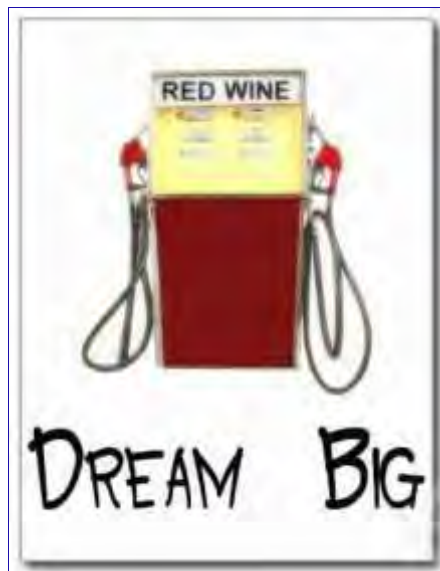
## Committee Appointments

Although we have not lost our Treasurer, we have gained a new Treasurer. Anna will continue with the assistance of Pierre Rault in this vital position. I applaud Pierre in taking on this assistant position. The Guild can only function with members who stand up to assist in the many functions that arise.

Well done Pierre!

## New Sponsors

We are happy to include Grain and Grape to our list of sponsors. Grain and Grape are located in Yarraville and supply a range of beer and wine making products. For those who live in the western suburbs this will be a convenient location to purchase your wine making goods.



# Wine Shows

## Australian National Wine and Beer Show

Entries close: Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 12 noon.

## National Cool Climate Wine Show

Entries close: Friday 14th September 2018

## Eltham District Wine Guild Show

Entries close: Friday 13th October 2018

## Mansfield Wine Show

Entries close: No later than 12 midday on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

So there you are, the rest of the year will be that busy just getting your wine show entries in.

## Pinot/Chardonnay Sparkling Focus Group

The Pinot/Chardonnay Sparkling focus group, started in 2016, bottled the remainder of their wine just recently. The total quantity of wine had been divided into two batches. The first batch was bottled last year. Lessons learned from that process led to decision to close the bottles with Aluminium crown seals instead of cork, as had been used last year. Many thanks to Colin and Judy for providing the venue and to Gavin Ellis helping out with ice and of course to Gavin Perry for looking after the 743 bottles for us.

The bottling was very successful. All of the drama of corking the bottles was resolved by the use of the crown caps.

For those who are interested in buying some aluminium crown seals, there are some left over. Crown seals will be available in bags of 100 pieces for \$15. These will be available at the next meeting.

Just a reminder, Novatwist bottle closures will also be available at the next meeting for \$35 / 100.



## Monthly Activity Calendar

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
14 August 2018	Old, Unusual and Mulled wine Night Wine Option	Frankston & South Eastern Wineshow. Open day Sunday 26 August
13 September 2018	Talk regarding the specific wine for the John Lee Trophy	Wineshow debrief demonstration & discussion on wine faults from the show
9 October 2018		Chris Myers Red Wine Mini Comp.
13 November 2018		Eltham Wineshow Mansfield Wineshow
December 2018	No formal meeting this month. — Christmas party instead	Annual Auction
January		
12 February 2019		Sparkling wine mini comp

## Social Events and links

[30 September : Australian National Wine and Beer Show](#)

[16-19 October: National Cool Climate Wine Show](#)

[Sunday 11 November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

[Friday 17 November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

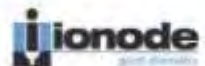
[March: Red Hill Cider Show](#)

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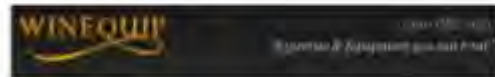
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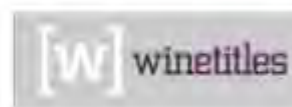
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