



Frankston Amateur Wine Guild

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Next Meeting: 10 October 2017

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This month:

We have Loic LeCalvez coming to talk about making sparkling wine. Loic is well credentialed, having spent four years as the Chief winemaker at Taltarni before becoming the Group Sparkling winemaker for Taltarni and Clover Hill. More recently, he has worked in wine education and consulting. He is also the chief wine judge at Eltham's wine show.

Don't forget, we have the Chris Myers Red Wine Mini Comp. This is open to all wines Country or Grape, they just have to be Red. For new members, this includes the Raspberry wine!!!



Pick Ups

For all of those members who were a part of the 2012 or 2014 Port Focus Group

There is a bottle of the Focus Group Port Blend set aside for each participant. That is of course only one bottle per person, so if you have already claimed your bottle you don't get another.

For those in the Liqueur challenge, if you have not claimed your ingredient, then please come along so that you can start making your promised liqueur. We all know its going to be good and can't wait to try it!!! Remember this will be judged in June 2018 at the Sheila Lee Liqueur and Fortified mini Comp, so no time to waste.

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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.

Grape orders

It is time to start thinking about your grape orders for 2018. We will be bulk buying Shiraz, Cabernet, and Grenache grapes. Possibly also some Merlot.

What are you going to make and how much will you require? Come to the meeting and advise your requirement for this season.

Wine Classes

By now you will have found those friends who are interested in learning to make their own wine, and not just drink yours. To help them along in making their decision, print the brochure on the Guild website:

file:///C:/Users/Rodney/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/IE/DPFSKZ2C/Winemaking%20Classes%20Pamphlet_2018B_reduced.pdf

Don't forget, think about your frozen fruit requirement so that you can purchase in bulk with the "Wine Class" order. Talk with John Stewart if you are interested.

Mt Eccles Manor

Open house and garden to be held at: Mount Eccles Manor

Christine and David Corbidge

9 Hall Road, Mt. Eccles 3953 via Leongatha

Date: 26 November 2017

Time: 10.00am—4.00pm

Donation \$5

Visit their beautiful house and garden. Their home is filled with Christine and her families arts and crafts.

Their garden is approximately 3 acres, filled with many different varieties. Two water gardens and Christine's many art pieces. Approx. 450 Roses.

Bring your friends too fill up a car.

Focus Groups

Nothing currently happening in the champagne group until next year. The chardonnay will be bottled now that Bill and Kaye have arrived back from their travels, this will be the final task.

We need a person/s to take on a focus group for next year, so far we have had a cider, port liqueur, mead and 3 lots of sparkling. You might like to go down the same path or choose something very different. Remember if you need help those who have previously been involved a focus group are only too happy to assist and advise.

Christmas Lunch and Auction

We will be having our annual lunch and auction on Sunday 10th December at B'Darra starting at 12noon with lunch around 1pm. We will let you know the cost at the next meeting. BYO nibbles, glass, sunblock and hat. We would also like members to bring a dessert to share, looking forward to this, as you are all outstanding dessert creators.

Remember to hunt out anything at home that would be great to auction, just bring it on the day or we can organise for it to be collected if you cannot fit it in your vehicle.

Catering

We would like to have a catering sub committee, so the work load is spread around and to look at the organising for 2018 Wineshow as Rod and Yashmin will be retiring from the position in July. If you are interested please let Yashmin know. We can also look at having a roster system for Tuesday evenings, when we have cheese and biscuits, this is so the same person is not locked into being at every meeting.

Eltham Wine Show

Don't forget about the upcoming Eltham wine show. If you had a problem with your wine, there is a chance to correct the concern and get the result you deserve.

Entry Details: <http://amateurwine.org.au/2017show.htm>

Mansfield Wine Show

There is also the Mansfield Wine Show on Friday 17th November 2017.

Pepe Buden will be collecting the guild entries at the November meeting.

For entry details contact: John Owen 03 5775 2728 or john@owen.net.au

Members Directory

A members directory is being collated, for distribution to members. The intention is to aid in communication between members.

It is recognised, however, that some members may not wish to have their contact details published openly within the membership. If you are amongst this group, then please contact Glen Fortune at: secretary@fawg.org.au or talk to Glen at the October meeting.

Cordon Corner

The season has started a little later this year with the cool weather continuing to hold back growth. First fungicide applications are usually at the 100mm shoot stage or when there are a few well developed leaves so now would be a good time to go through the vineyard and remove any unwanted suckers or shoots before the first spray.

Mike Payne

wine is a verb

[wain] v. to provide or entertain with drink



For Sale

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David 0419981927

Grape expectations for vineyard AI

1:04 pm on 29 September 2017

[Alexa Cook](#), Rural Reporter : Radio New Zealand

Artificial intelligence for testing wine grape quality is predicted to boost the industry's profits and cut back on manual labour.

The new system uses sensors and an algorithm to predict harvest yield. Photo: Supplied

Lincoln University is developing a computerised system with electronic sensors that can accurately count and analyse grapes to assess the number, size and distribution of grape bunches.

Jaco Fourie from Lincoln Agritech said growers and wineries spent a lot of money trying to predict grape yield, and hired large numbers of workers to manually analyse the fruit.

"What we're trying to do is develop an optical system that's based on artificial intelligence.

"[It] uses imagery to automatically detect the grape bunches and count them.

"We'll then feed this data into computer algorithms, which have been designed by the University of Canterbury, to predict grape yield at harvest time."

Mr Fourie said estimating the yield as early as possible gave vineyards a better idea of how much wine would end up being produced.

He said the new computerised system would change the way vineyards operated.

"It would mean a reduction in manual labour, but it's not something that replaces manual labour, it's just something that makes their job easier.

"The people that would normally be doing the manual sampling ... would now be instead capturing images and feeding the data through an algorithm and getting the results that way."

He said this would make the job easier and the results more accurate. When asked if this would require the same number of workers as before he said it could be less.

New data would be added to the system each year, he said.

"Leading to continuous improvements in the model's accuracy, with the system's predictive power improving over time as more data is gathered under different conditions."

Sauvignon Blanc was the main focus of the study and then the team would look at how much technology development was needed for Pinot Noir.

The five year programme involves several groups including the wine industry, the University of Canterbury, and Plant and Food Research.

Monthly Activity Calendar 2016/17

Meeting Date	Proposed Activity	Competitions/ Other
10 October 2017	Loic LaCalvez to talk on sparkling wine.	Chris Myers Red Wine mini-comp
14 November 2017	Vintessential Laboratories to talk on products and services offered	Eltham Wine Show Mansfield Show
12 December 2017	No formal meeting or activity this month—Christmas Party instead. Starts at 12.00 noon at B'Darra Estate	Annual Auction
9 January 2018		
13 February 2018		Sparkling Wine Mini Comp
13 March 2018		Red Hill Wine Show
10 April 2018		Gordon Evans white Wine mini comp.

Social Events and links

[1 October: Australian National Wine and Beer Show](#)

[11– 14 October: National Cool Climate Wine Show](#)

[Sunday 13 November: Eltham District Wine Guild Show](#)

[Friday 18 November: Mansfield Wine Show](#)

[May: Wodonga Wine Show](#)

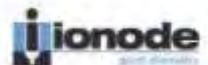
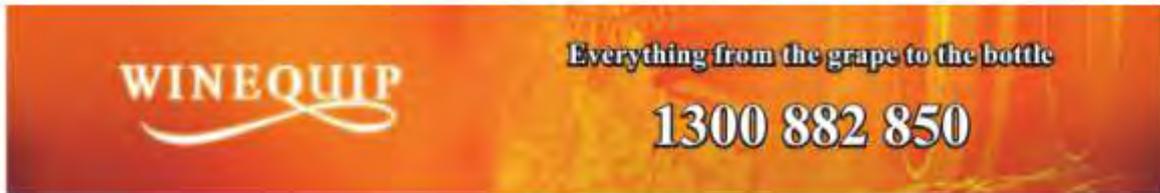
March: Red Hill Wine Show

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