



August 2024

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What's on at this months

FAWG Meeting:

Hello everyone, And welcome to September.

At this meeting we will be presenting some of the wines for you to taste and talk about from this year's show.

Some will be great and some not so great, but it is all a learning curve isn't it and if you go home with an idea of what is good and what is not so good, then the guild has done its job. Also, we will endeavour to present those who have won one or more of the guilds trophies with that trophy if the recipient turns up.

So, make sure you are there.



On another note, with an influx of new members, I thought I might take the opportunity to let you all know of the benefits of being a member.

A discount of 10% at HomeMakeit throughout the year.

WhatsApp groups, General Talk, Vineyard Management, Buy/swap & sell.

If you want to be in a group let us know and it can be arranged.

Bulk Grape purchases, good fruit at great prices.

Discounted events, Wine tours and wine testing, club speakers, wine show/club mini comps and of course the knowledge that's shared by talking to other members at the meetings, all to make you a better winemaker.

Cheers for now President

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Coming Up

Friday 6th to Sunday 15th September
The Great Eastern Wine Festival on the east coast wine trail in Tasmania. Multiple events across all dates.

<https://eastcoastwinetrail.com.au/event/>

Saturday 7th September 6:30-9pm
Sip and Share, An evening of Poetry and Wine at Ramona Valley 3/48 Collins Road Dromana \$15 incl drink on arrival
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sip-share-an-evening-of-spoken-word-poetry-and-wine-tickets-938033953807?aff=erelexpmlt>

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th Sept
Wine and Vine Festival at The Abbotsford Convent Sat 2-7pm Sun 12-5pm
<https://www.wineandvinefestival.com.au/>
From \$57.99

Saturday 21st September 11am-2:30pm
LHM Pinot Noir Release Lunch at Paringa Estate 44 Paringa Road, Red Hill \$195.00
<https://www.visitmelbourne.com/regions/mornington-peninsula/whats-on/food-and-wine/dining/ljm-pinot-noir-release-lunch-at-paringa-estate>

Friday 27th September 6:30pm-10pm
Rutherglen Wine Show and Australian Fortified Wine Show public tastings
Henderson Pavilion Rutherglen \$75.00
<https://www.rutherglenwineshow.com.au/>

Meeting Date	Club night Activity	Competition	Tasting Talk	Industry/Event	Committee Date
August Tues 13 th 2024	Cellar dwellers Unusual old and Mulled wines	No Comp	Tanya from Hanna instruments	2024 GUILD Show at Balnarring hall 30 th Judging day Sat 31 st public Day	Tues 6 th zoom 7pm
September Tues 10 th	Trophy presentation night	No Comp	Talk on the good the Bad & the ugly from show		Tues 3rd Zoom Start 7pm
October Tues 8 th	Spanish Night Food and Wine You must book	No Comp	It's about Spanish Wine and what goes well with it		Tues 1 st Zoom 7pm
November Tues 12 th	Start to look at Bulk Grape purchases for 2025	No Comp	Tim Elphick to talk about his wines and Stilvi	Guild wine classes To be finalized	Tues 5th Zoom 7pm
December Sunday 8 th	No Club Night End of year. You must book for Xmas party	No Comp	Sunday at Balnarring hall Xmas Party		Tues 3 rd Zoom 7pm
January 14 th 2025	Start of year Dinner at Hickingbothams To be finalized	Possible grapes to purchase	Andrew will run us through his wines		No Zoom Meeting
Feb 11 th		Sparkling wine mini Comp		Summer Winemakers Lunch To be Finalized	Tues 4th zoom 7pm
March 11th		No Comp	My Maltese and Sicillian journey		Tues 4th Zoom 7pm
April 8 th		Gordon Evans white wine mini comp		Autumn Winemakers lunch To be finalized	Tues 1st zoom 7pm
May 13th		Chris Myers Red wine mini comp		Wine Tour with Eltham To be finalized	Tues 6 th Zoom 7pm
June 10th		Sheila Lee Liqueur & Fortified Mini comp			Tues 3 rd Zoom 7pm
July 8th	The Guilds AGM Homemade Night		A chance to show what else you can make	Winters Winemakers Lunch To be Finalized	Tues 1 st Zoom 7pm

Cordon Corner

By Mike Payne

Spring is upon us once again which means it's the start of a new cycle in the vineyard.

Depending on your vine selection and site location, September vines can be anywhere from dormant, through bud swell, or complete budburst. Either way the preparation for the new season should be close to complete with regards to pruning and maintenance. This is a good safe time for systemic and residual weed spray applications before bud burst and if you intend to apply lime sulphur, advanced bud swell just before the leaves open is ideal. It's also a good time to check for broken or damaged posts and assemblies while the soil is manageable and there is no load on the trellis system.

All this completed and ready to go you might want to do a stocktake in the shed for fungicide chemicals and the like and start planning as to what you need and how you are going to manage any fungal issues.



More on spray programs next month.



SENTIA WINE TESTING

The guild has a Sentia wine analyser available to members to have wine samples analysed for FreeSO2 and Malic Acid.

The tests can be carried out prior to guild meetings, starting at 7pm. If you wish to have your wine analysed, please ensure you arrive early and advise Kevin Murphy that you require your wine analysed.

Samples should be kept away from air (ie in a sealed bottle, or sample vial with minimum air space). Only a very small sample is required for the tests.

Costs are: Members - Free SO2 \$8.00 and Malic Acid \$15.00 Non-members - \$10 and \$20

FAWVG Calendar

Funnies



Spanish Night! Tuesday 8th October

Bookings are Open Now

Spanish Night Tuesday 8th October 7.30pm

The first for FAWG, a Spanish Wine and Food Matching Night. And you don't want to miss it. Spanish food and wine offers a unique and flavourful experience. Spanish cuisine is famous worldwide and well-known for its bold flavours, rich spices, and fresh ingredients, making it a perfect choice for a memorable night of fun and tasting experiences.

But first and most importantly we are only offering forty places. Yes I know it will sell out. So get in quick and purchase your tickets. Members are \$35 per head and Non-Members \$45. This includes entry, a prize for the best dressed Matador, (Just in case you always thought the bull gets it in the end. 534 Matadors have died in the last three hundred years, hooray for the bulls) Toreador, Picador, Banditto or best dressed Spanish Lady, includes Tasting Notes, All Wines with individual food pairings and we will throw in the fun for free. But pay up or miss out no exceptions, we can't add more seats.

Why a Spanish Night, well we have done French, Italian and so we decided in your Committee, that the Spanish influence of their food and wine needs exploring. A must do, if you will.

When it comes to matching Spanish wine with food, there are a few key principles to keep in mind. But I won't bore you with them here. Everyone loves Tapas, Chorizo's, Serrano Ham, Manchego Cheese and Churros, so what are you waiting for.

Book now ! by Email to daveskiss@gmail.com Banking details: FAWG Bendigo Bank Account
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At Warrabilla Wines certainly don't make our wines to win medals and trophies, but that doesn't stop us getting a little excited when we happen to bring a few home! Case in point is the recently held **Australian Single Vineyard Wine Show**, where we have come away with not one, but two trophies and three gold medals from just five wines entered.

The first was for our newly released [2024 Grenache Blanc](#) which took out the trophy (and top gold medal) for best other white against a host of hot competition. A great result given this is our first time making this exciting variety and its first outing at a wine show.

And the second trophy and top gold medal was for another new release, the [2024 Grenache Rosé](#), just our second release of this wine. We're sure Smithy never envisaged himself winning the trophy for Australia's best single vineyard Rosé, but it goes to show the man is nothing if not versatile!

The [2022 Reserve Durif](#) also came away with a gold medal - its second gold medal from just two shows entered, highlighting the strength of the release. From David Wood

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