



PHOENIX C.C. WINE APPRECIATION CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Fifth Event:

Not a bad night at all. In fact, this would have to have been my favourite tasting to date. Rod briefly returned to our October session of wine “styles”, before embarking upon explaining what is meant by “body” of wine.

We tasted six rather delightful wines:

2023 Tahbilk (Goulburn Valley) Marsanne (my favourite).

2024 Tahbilk (Goulburn Valley) Viognier.

2022 Margan Hunter Valley Albarino (my least favourite).

2022 Wangolina, (Limestone Coast) A Series Tempranillo.

2020 Steels Gate Nagambie (Goulburn Valley) Graciano and

2021 De Bortoli Estate Durif.

The wines were all lovely and perfectly illustrated the difference between “light”, “medium” and “full bodied” varieties.

Rod’s Tasting Notes will follow shortly.



Club Future:

We are rather pleased with the way our fledgling Phoenix is developing. This is entirely due to the loyalty and support we are receiving from our members, particularly with

our raffle, which is still enabling us to function without drawing on the “membership” money. A really big thank you from your Committee.

However, as Fraser pointed out, in his address to the members at our last meeting, our major issue is that we do not have sufficient members to ensure our current direction. If we are to grow and prosper, we need to expand our membership base. To this end, we ask that you promote our Club to your friends and acquaintances at every opportunity. “Word of Mouth” is THE best form of advertising.

We also ask that you take a flyer or two and place them somewhere in your area where they can be seen. Other venues where you might meet for your other interests, shopping centres, work place, the library in your area, even fixed to your car window. If we can double our present membership base, it will ensure that we always have sufficient people to support a quality tasting at every meeting, even when a good number are away sick or travelling.

A larger membership base would also enables us to purchase higher priced wines for an occasional “Premium Tasting” - and who wouldn’t enjoy that!

All it takes is for everyone to introduce one new person to the Club. Can’t be all that difficult! Please consider. It would make such a difference.



Christmas Party:

We have agreed that our Christmas Party will be an in-house, BYO food event this year.

There is a lovely outdoor area available at Phillip House we can utilise if the weather is favourable. Cost will be the usual \$15 but we are requesting an earlier than usual **RSVP date of December 1**, to assist with the organisation. I am endeavouring to co-ordinate the catering, ***so please advise, asap, what you would like to bring.*** We have the ham, chickens and Christmas Puddings covered already, but there are lots of other options available. Perhaps two couples could combine to bring some prawns? If you need a suggestion, give me a call or an email. I will circulate the outcome as soon as it is sorted so we can fine-tune what is happening. The earlier the better, please.

Rod is already working on the wines and, as usual, has something special tucked up his sleeve.

As Barb mentioned at the last meeting, perhaps consider a Uber for the party night. We can share to the venue with another couple, Uber home together, then pick up the car the next day. Works for us.

Our Christmas Party could be the ideal opportunity to introduce someone new to

Phoenix. So feel free to bring them along. \$20.00 for non members, plus a supper plate. Whatever they would like to bring is fine, but also happy to incorporate them in the planning. RSVP for them, too, please.

January Event:

The second Thursday falls very early in the month, on January 8. Rod will still be away, Noel and I could be, too, so we have decided to cancel the January Wine Tasting.

In its place, we are considering a BYO picnic somewhere, mid January, to commence around 5.00 pm (as it cools down a little) on a weekday or at anytime on a weekend. If you know of a venue, with plenty of shade, that also has shelter from the rain, please put it forward. We can discuss it at the Christmas Party.

November Prizes:

I must have been dozing, I cannot remember who took out the Lucky Door Prize, but Noel tells me we won the raffle prize, which has disappeared into our wine rack already.

February Event:

It is a bit soon to know what we will be tasting in February, but we are lining up some fabulous tastings, including:

- The Big Two: Premier Chardonnay/Shiraz
- Adelaide Hills Gruner Veltliner
- Rioja (maybe combined with the GV above).
- How to Save on Wine Purchases
- Aussie Blends
- Affordable Italian Wines

Stay safe over the approaching festive season.
See you at the Christmas Party. R.E.N.