



# BWBC

## Newsletter

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Wednesday  
15th June 7.30pm  
Ashley Ratcliff  
Ricca Terra

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3 competitions

1-3 year old red wine

- 1 - Cabernet Sauvignon (>=85%) - 2021,2020,2019
- 2 - Cabernet Sauvignon blend - 2021,2020,2019
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Entries closed

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Banner Photo - Back into winter dormancy

### Ashley Ratcliffe

Ashley Ratcliff has a background in viticulture and has always been passionate about the wine industry. In 2003, Ashley and his wife, Holly purchased their first vineyard in Barmera, South Australia. Their vision was to plant, nurture and make wine from grape varieties that were best suited to Australia's warm and dry climate.

Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot quickly made way for Nero d'Avola, Montepulciano, Tinta Barroca, Fiano, Vermentino and many other Mediterranean grape varieties.

Winner of the 2003 Gourmet Traveller Viticulturist of the Year, their vision became reality in 2019, when they were awarded a five star rating in the 2020 James Halliday Wine Companion and again in 2021, also listed in the Top 10 upcoming wineries in Australia.

Ashley was born and raised in the Barossa on a farm, not a vineyard. He studied agricultural science at Roseworthy and became interested in viticulture while working at a farm supplier. He started as a grower

*"We're challenging the norm in a region known for bulk production. And we are showing that the Riverland is a premium winegrowing region." – Ashley Ratcliff*

liaison officer with Orlando Wines, then a grape buyer for Rosemount, Kirribilli and Casella, before being approached by Yalumba.

He chose the Riverland for his own vineyards because the land was more affordable than the Barossa. He didn't see any point just growing the standards – shiraz, cabernet and merlot – so he looked at other varieties. The Riverland was a "big commodity region" but there weren't many good news stories, so he decided to do something different; something he could tell a positive story about and inject some optimism into the region.



Please bring your own tasting glass



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June 2022

## President's report – June 2022

Well winter has certainly arrived and the cooler temperatures and rain are both welcome and have driven us indoors to drink and enjoy our wine and beer in a warmer environment. With our red wine sales/bottling, now a winter event, then our members will be able to enjoy these fine wines indoors.

The Committee has again decided that the bottling will be done separately and the two red wines – Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon - will be available for members at a Launch event where there will be a bbq/tasting at the Watkins Winery, top of Chandler's Hill road, on Friday July 8. The price per dozen is the same as last year - \$100 – and members can use their membership dues of \$40 to offset the price of the wine i.e cost - \$60 per dozen for the first dozen wines. The wines will be available at the June Club meeting for tasting. We are again very pleased with the quality of the two wines and we encourage you to ask friends, family, neighbours etc to purchase these wines.

It is the Committee's intention that in Spring, we will offer sparkling and white wines for members. More details later in the year.

The social programme has been finalised and this Newsletter has the relevant details of the Christmas in July luncheon, the October Fleurieu Peninsular Bus trip, the September bonfire/bbq afternoon and the Club Presentation in December. There is considerable subsidy for members for these events. I urge to book early as there are limited numbers for some events.

With excellent speakers organised for our meetings, and topics ranging widely, we encourage members to invite friends to our meetings to not only enjoy the speaker but also to realise what a friendly and welcoming club we are. There are membership spots still available.

Brian Ferris  
President

## New members



The Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club has vacancies for new members. If you know of somebody that is interested in wine or beer making and would like to join the club please contact the membership officer. (see back page of the newsletter for details)



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## Secretary's Report

### MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Committee would like members to attend as many meetings as possible. We know that the threat of COVID may be preventing some members feeling reluctant to mix socially, and we continue to make our meetings as COVID safe as possible. With Flu numbers already rising, our efforts to prevent infections are even more important.

In an effort to attract members and guests to meetings, we will offer a bottle of wine as a door prize. Attendees will get a raffle ticket from the member registering attendance, and the draw will be conducted during the meeting.

### COVID AWARENESS

I would like to remind all members:

- that anyone who is feeling unwell, please do not attend a meeting, AND
- that any attendee who develops symptoms within a few days after a meeting, please have a COVID test and notify me immediately if the test is positive (0447212278). In this event, I will notify all meeting attendees of the COVID infection.

Bernie Morgan  
Secretary

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TASTING GLASS**

## Wine report



A friend of Bernie Morgan's has found a bottle from our 2013 bottling. The lucky person reported that it was "DRINKING VERY WELL".

The bottling was held at Serafino Winery on 15th November 2013. We bottled a total of 3000L (4000 bottles) that day. The wines were 2010 Serafino McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon and 2010 Serafino McLaren Vale Shiraz. It was all sold on the day.

*Does anybody else have a bottle of vintage BWBC wine?*



**Coming Soon**

## New payment method "tap-and-go"

Payment for wine, social events etc can now be paid by card at the meetings or when picking up wine from Bill Neubauer. EFT transfer is still available on line. See Bank details on last page of newsletter.

## May meeting

Our guest speaker at the May meeting was Dan Traucki. Dan is a long term advocate for the emerging wines that are becoming more accessible on the Australian market, thanks to growers diversifying into growing grapes more suited to the changing climate conditions.

Dan introduced 3 wines to the members for discussion and tasting.

### **Picpoul Blanc 2019**

This was from the Cowra Region in NSW made by Borrowed Cutting Wines.

Picpoul Blanc is actually known by several different names, depending on where the grapes are planted. In the Loire Valley, it is known as Folle Blanche, and in Spain it is referred to as Picapoll.

Picpoul Blanc is one of the older white wine varieties from the south of France. It is perhaps most popular in the Languedoc Roussillon appellation. The first recorded mentioning of Folle blanche was in 1696 when the grape was documented as one of the varieties growing in the Charente-Maritime department. There the grape has had a long history being used in the production of Cognac and Armagnac.

Locally there are several wineries producing Picpoul including Coriole, Lloyd Brothers, Ministry of Clouds from the McLaren vale.

**Alejandro Carmenère 2017** – made by Alex Russell Wines from grapes grown in the Murray Darling wine-growing region

Carmenere was originally a Bordeaux variety, thought to be all but extinct until tests revealed that many growers in Chile were preserving it, inadvertently, thinking the grapes in their vineyards were Merlot. The truth was discovered in the mid-1990s, along with the realisation of how well-suited Carmenère was to Chile's climate.

A member of the Cabernet family of grapes, the name "Carmenere" originates from the French word for crimson (carmin), which refers to the brilliant crimson colour of the autumn foliage prior to leaf-fall.

Australia has small plantings of Carmenère in Geelong, King Valley, Murray Darling, Clare Valley, Riverland, Western Plains and Adelaide Hills.

**Cabernet Franc 2015** – Marjico Winery Barossa valley  
As with so many grapes, Cabernet Franc came to Australia in James Busby's collection of 1832. It predominantly grows in cool, cool to warm and warm climates such as North-Eastern Victoria, McLaren Vale, the Adelaide Hills, Coonawarra and the Clare Valley.

DNA evidence emerged to show that Cabernet Franc had crossed with Sauvignon Blanc to produce Cabernet Sauvignon.

There are many patches of cabernet franc around the country that were also originally planted for blending but are now increasingly used as single variety wines, as demand has increased for alternative varieties.

This was a very informative meeting and encouraged members to taste outside the box more wine varieties. You can read more about emerging wines and wine news in general from around the world in Dan's Blog, published weekly at [www.wineassist.com.au/dans-wine-blog](http://www.wineassist.com.au/dans-wine-blog)

The theme of Australian emerging varieties will be continued with this month's guest speaker, Ashley Ratcliff from Ricca Terra wines in the Riverland.



## Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show

Mildura during the first week of November

full details:- [www.aavws.com](http://www.aavws.com)

## 2022 Speaker Program

The program for speaker program for 2022

June	Ashley Ratcliff Ricca Terra Wines
July	Justin McNamee Samuel's Gorge Winery
August	Lindsay Elliott Italian Wine Varieties
September	Interclub competition Katie Spain Wine writer for The Advertiser and Sunday Mail
October	October Fest
November	TBA

Sid Thomas our speaker co-ordinator has organised a great speaker program for the rest of the year. As always things can change so please consult the monthly newsletter for updates.

If you would like to suggest a speaker or activity for a future meeting please contact Sid 0401 123 482



# Winter Warmers

## Christmas in July

Sunday 17th

11.30am

Watkins Winery

59 Grants Gully Rd, Chandlers Hill SA



### The Menu

#### Food

Anti pasta – Mediterranean Grazing Table.

Chimichurri Grill Food Truck – Mixed Grill plate – scotch fillet steak/chorizo/pork on a bed of salad with beer-battered chips/topped with chini-mayo and provolone cheese.

Vegetarian and Gluten free options available.

Dessert – churros or hot jam donut served with ice-cream.

#### Coffee

Coffee from The Dawn Patrol Coffee Roastery, located at Watkins Winery

#### Drinks

Selected wines from Watkins Winery - Sparkling, red and white,

Beer - selected beer from Uraidla Brewery

Soft Drink

**Book Now** booking link in monthly email

Members/partners \$59.95 pp. all inclusive.

Please pay on line to secure your booking

The lunch will be held in the winery tank room.

**Please bring your own wine glasses and a chair**



### Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Caroll Neubauer's home

Sunday 11th September 2022 11am

More details in later newsletter



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## 2022 BWBC Bus trip Southern Fleurieu Wine Discovery Tour Friday 21st October 2022

This year's bus trip is again being organised by Ian and Chris Maxfield. The theme of this bus trip is "Southern Fleurieu Wine Discovery Tour".

### Tour Highlights

- **3 Pickup points** - Eden Hills Karinga Park, Northcote Road (8.45am), McLaren Vale Visitor Centre (9.20am), Victor Harbor - Urimbirra Wildlife Park (10am)
- **Coffee** - Cockles Cafe - Pt Elliot (10.15am)
- **Wine tastings** - Factory 9 - Port Elliot - Charlotte Dalton Wines & Cooke Bros Wines (11.15am)  
No 58 Cellar Door - Port Elliot - Thunderbird Wines & Vineyards (2.30pm)
- **Lunch** - Port Elliot Bowling club (12.55pm)
- **Arrive Eden Hills** (5pm)

\$75 per head for members and partners.

Bookings are now open ( limited to 50 persons ), members and partners only.

Please book on line by EFT to secure your booking.

Bookings only confirmed when full payment is made.

### Extend your discovery tour

Stay in the area for the weekend and discover more of the highlights the Souther Fleurieu district has to offer. Ian Maxfield indicated there are plenty of accommodation options available and you can join the BWBC tour at the southern pickup point



## BWBC Wine Discovery Tour Clare valley Wine Region

The 2022 discovery tour to the Riverland was a great success, so planning for the 2023 discovery tour has started.

The tentative date for the tour is the 5th to the 8th of May 2023. This includes a weekend so members who work will be able to attend and the vintage for those making wine should have ended. More details will be published as they come to hand.

### Mining the archives

*From the BWBC Newsletter October 1985*



*Another use for a diggeridoo, give it that Australian touch.*



## 2022 BWBC Bottling Launch

**8th July from 11am**

**Watkins Winery**

59 Grants Gully Rd, Chandlers Hill SA

**Sausage Sizzle**

**Tasting of**

**Watkins 2018 Shiraz  
Watkins 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Please bring a tasting glass**

This year as we did last year the committee has again organised for the wineries to bottle and label the wine for us. A wine launch for this years club bottling will be held at Watjins Winery Chandlers Hill. Wine will be available for sale, payment by card or EFT transfer and pickup on the day.

2018 McLaren Vale Shiraz

\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)

2018 McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon

\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)

A tasting of this excellent wine will be available at the June meeting.

## 2021 Wine Sales

### 2019 McLaren Vale Shiraz Premium

The fruit was sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards including Malpas and Little Road vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia.

This Shiraz has a lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak, on the palate. In the purity of this Shiraz and freshness of flavour, we believe this wine over-delivers with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins. Matured in 1 to 4 year old hogsheads. American oak (70%) and French oak (30%).

Enjoy now and up to 2024. Alc 14.5% pH 3.53 TA 6.6

Wines produced and bottled by Serafino winery, McLaren Vale.

**LIMITED STOCK**

\$170 per doz (\$14.17 per bottle)

### 2019 McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon

The fruit is sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards including Communication and Little Road vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia.

This Cabernet Sauvignon displays a lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and spice and has purity of fruit and freshness of flavour, black pepper, sage leaf and black cherry complemented by fine supple tannins on the palate.

Matured in 1 to 4 year old hogsheads. American oak (50%) and French oak (50%).

Enjoy now and up to 2024 Alc 14.5 % pH 3.61 TA 6.3

Wines produced and bottled by Serafino winery, McLaren Vale.

**LIMITED STOCK**

\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)

To place orders

Contact Bill Neubauer at the next club meeting,

Email:- bill@bn-products.com.au or ph 0412 525 343

Payment by EFT - see page 7

***Please promote all these wines to family, friends and colleagues and help clear the stock.***

***Sample bottles are available***



# 2022 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds Liqueurs	February	31st January
Sparkling Wine	March	28th February
Shiraz - 1-3 year old	April	31st March
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	May	30th April
1-3 year old other red wine Cabernet Sauvignon >85% 2021,2020,2019 Cabernet Sauvignon blend 2021,2020,2019 Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ) 2021,2020,2019	June	31st May
Red Wine - 4 years and older (<=2018)	July	30th June
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	31st July
Inetrclub Beer and Wine	September	31st August
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	31st October

## Members' Duty Roster 2022

Members rostered for the meeting set-up are asked to arrive by 7pm to organise seating, tables and to assist with bringing the trolleys up from the store room. After the meeting clear meeting room, mop the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

**All members are asked to bring their own tasting glass.**

June	July	August
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Roger Henderson	Graham Hunt	Daryl Marston
Barry Long	Paul Hakendorf	David Strachan
Jacob Van Eyk	Jan Skemstaad	Greg Thomas

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day can you please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 482 to arrange a replacement.

## BWBC Loan Equipment

The BWBC has an extensive range of equipment available for loan to members for use with your wine and beer making activities.

Contact the property officers  
Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

# Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

## 2021/22 Committee

### Executive

Brian Ferris	President	0423 125 269
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
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David Lewis	Technical Officer	0409 678 366
Bill Neubauer	Wine Sales	0412 525 343
Sid Thomas	Speaker Co-ordinator	0401 123 482
Andrew Thomson	Membership/ Competitions	0422 285 720
David Tulloch	Newsletter	0414 581 401

*The committee can also be contacted at: [committee@bwbc.org.au](mailto:committee@bwbc.org.au)*

### Property Officers

Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

### 1st Aid Officer

Des Williams 041 604 1629

### Safety officer

Ian Di Bartolo 0412 373 739

### Life Members

Chris Bills	David Lewis	Steve Potiuch
Brian Ferris	Ian Maxfield	Glenn Snook
David Tulloch	Phil Hicks	

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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
Newsletter	Editor David Tulloch Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month. Contact <a href="mailto:davidt@internode.on.net">davidt@internode.on.net</a>

### BWBC Payments

Members can transfer payments for wine purchase, club fees, social activity fees and other payments directly to the BWBC bank account.

Bank:	Westpac Blackwood
BSB:	035-082
Account Number:	145202

Payments can also be made by card at the meetings.

