



# BWBC

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Banner Photo - Tasting Ricca Terra wines at the Riverland Wine Centre April 2022

## Justin McNamee Samual's Gorge Winery

Samuel's Gorge was established by winemaker Justin McNamee in 2003. The winery, housed in an 1853 built farm shed, and cellar door sits atop a ridge, overlooking the spectacular Onkaparinga River National Park to the North, and the ocean to the South.

Samuel's Gorge focusses on five key varieties; Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvèdre, Graciano and Tempranillo. A passion for Grenache sourced from the highly regarded sandy sub region of Blewitt Springs has helped Samuel's Gorge firmly position themselves as one of the best producers of this variety in particular.

The wines of Samuel's Gorge are crafted by hand and reflect the landscape in which they are made. Referencing history for texture, complexity and harmony they engage patient techniques, utilising indigenous yeast, ensuring our ferments are long and slow. The winery is under the cover of a lean to and at night a ceiling of stars.

Justin intention was to get a taste of the Vale before continuing his wine odyssey. He had already spent time with wineries in the Yarra Valley, Central Victoria and overseas, but quickly fell in love with the personalities, the landscape and the diverse richness that the region offers, in both wine and wine life. After eight vintages at Tatchilla winery, he relocated to a peaceful old barn on top of a hill, a place now know as Samuel's Gorge Winery.

Justin will predominantly speak about blending of wines, producing different varieties and will also include a tasting of Samuel's Gorge fine wines.

Justin would like if those attending could have two glasses for their tastings it would assist his presentation.



**Please bring 2 tasting glasses**



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July 2022

# June Competition Results

## 1-3 year old red wine (not Shiraz)

### 1-3 year old Red wines - Cabernet Sauvignon

Placings	Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Medal
1st	3	David Lewis	2020 Cabernet Sauvignon	17.5	Silver
2nd	5	David Lewis	2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	16.5	Bronze
3rd	2	David Lewis	2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	16	Bronze
	1	Ian Maxfield	2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	15.5	Bronze
	4	Ian Maxfield	2020 Cabernet Sauvignon	15.5	Bronze

### 1-3 year old red wine blends

Placings	Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Medal
1st	29	David Lewis	2019 Cabernet/Shiraz	17	Silver
2nd	26	Lindsay Elliot	2019 Cab/Petit Verdot/Shiraz	16.5	Bronze
3rd	28	Ian Maxfield	2021 Cabernet/Shiraz	16	Bronze
	25	Lindsay Elliot	2021 Cabernet/Merlot	15.5	Bronze
	30	David Lewis	2021 GSM	15.5	Bronze
	27	Ian Maxfield	2019 Cabernet/Malbec	15.5	Bronze

### 1-3 year old red wines – other red wines

Placings	Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Medal
1st	14	Ian Maxfield	2021 Montepulciano	18.5	Gold
2nd	24	David Lewis	2021 Mataro	17.5	Silver
3rd	13	Ian Maxfield	2021 Sangiovese	17	Silver
	6	David Lewis	2021 Grenache	16.5	Bronze
	18	Lindsay Elliot	2021 Tempranillo	16.5	Bronze
	19	Lindsay Elliot	2021 Dolcetto	16.5	Bronze
	20	Lindsay Elliot	2021 Barbera	16.5	Bronze
	22	G & A Seifried	2020 Nero D'Avelo	16.5	Bronze
	23	G & A Seifried	2019 Nero D'Avelo	16.5	Bronze
	7	David Lewis	2019 Grenache	16	Bronze
	15	Lindsay Elliot	2020 PV Dolcetto	16	Bronze
	12	Ian Maxfield	2019 Nero D"Avola	16	Bronze
	17	Lindsay Elliot	2020 Grenache Tempranillo	15.5	Bronze
	21	G & A Seifried	2021 Nero D'Avelo	15.5	Bronze
	11	Ian Maxfield	2019 Malbec	15.5	Bronze
	10	Lindsay Elliot	2021 Grenache	15	
	16	Lindsay Elliot	2020 Mataro Grenache	15	
	9	Mike Butcher	2020 Grenache	14.5	
	8	Mike Butcher	2021 Grenache	13.5	

30 entries received

Judge Dan Traucki



# Interclub Wine and Beer Competition

## September 21st 7.30pm

This year the Blackwood Club will host the interclub wine and beer competition. This follows the very successful competition hosted last year by the Adelaide Club. This year there will be 6 competition categories.

### Wine competition

Red wine - 2021, 2020, 2019

Red wine - 2018 and earlier

White wine - 2021, 2020, 2019

White wine - 2018 and earlier

### Beer competition

Lager (no dark beers)

Ale

## Competition Rules

This competition is open to individual amateur winemakers and brewers or syndicates.

Entrants and syndicates can only enter under one Club name and with a limit of 3 entries per category.

Each entry is to be clearly labelled on the front of the bottle with a stick-on label detailing

### Label details required

wine or beer category

wine style or beer style

wine vintage

region of fruit and variety

blend and percentage detail if known

The Competition organisers will allocate an exhibitor number on each bottle.

Judging will take place on the night of the Inter-Club Competition by qualified judges.

Entries are returned to entrants on the night only and if unclaimed will be disposed of.

### How to enter

All entrants must register their entries on line.

Entries not registered will not be accepted on the night.

Deliver of entries to

Blackwood Memorial Hall

September 21st from 6.45pm

A link to the online registration form will be sent out with the Newsletter email.

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON 2nd September 2022**

# Secretary's Report

## THE JUNE 2022 MEETING

There were 30 members, and 2 guests present. Apologies were received from 12 members (including President Brian). I was pleased with the gratitude that was expressed at the meeting for the work of both Bill Neubauer and Andrew Seifried. They both happily work for the club every week. Thanks also to Malcolm Snell who undertook the registration of attendees at the last meeting.

### COVID

We understand from our Chief Health Officer, Professor Nicola Spurrier, that the latest Covid wave (with two new variants) is about to peak. Everyone would appreciate your not attending meetings or social events if you feel at all unwell, especially if you think (or know) that you just have a cold. We are happy to refund money to anyone who has booked and paid for an event, but is unable to attend because they are unwell.

### Christmas in July at Watkins Winery

Thank you to the members who responded to my email regarding this, registering or letting me know reasons why they could not attend. At the time of writing, we have an expected attendance of about 40, which is less than what the committee expected. It will be a great show.

### Social events

The committee is always attempting to get all members to attend our social events to get the most from their membership. This year we are organising another caravan/cabin tour and trying a spring BBQ social. If any member considers other social events should be undertaken by the Club, please discuss them with any committee member. Sid Thomas would also welcome ideas for guest speakers.

Bernie Morgan

Secretary

**PLEASE BRING TWO TASTING GLASSES**



## New members

The Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club has vacancies for new members. If you know of somebody who 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)



## Social events



### Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Caroll Neubauer's home  
Sunday 11th September 2022 11am  
More details in later newsletter



### 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.**

**Places still  
available**

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.



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

Payment for wine, social events, membership 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.





## 2022 BWBC Bottling Launch

13th August from 11am

### Serifino Winery

39 Kangarilla Rd, McLaren Vale

### Sausage Sizzle

Serifino 2021 Shiraz

Watkins 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

**Tasting of**

**Please bring a tasting glass and chair**

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 Serifino Winery.

Wine will be available for sale, payment by card or EFT transfer and we would like, if possible, all orders pickup on the day.

### 2021 McLaren Vale Serifino Shiraz

The fruit was sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards in the McLaren vale wine region. Matured in 2 year old hogsheads, American oak (70%) and French oak (30%), producing a bright red wine with purple hue, and lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak.

The fruit was destemmed and fermented in a combination of stainless steel and open fermenters using selected yeast strains. The ferments remained on skins for a period of 8 days in order to keep the tannins soft and supple and the fruit bright and fresh. Post ferment the wine was pressed and allowed to undergo malolactic fermentation in tank. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was racked to seasoned French and American oak hogsheads (300L) for a period of nine months.

Alc 14.7% ,ph 3.53, Ta 6.6. Enjoy now and up to 2026.

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

### 2018 Currency Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

An intense ruby colour, still with vibrant hues at its edge are indicative of the nose. Given enough time to mature, this Cabernet is still displaying primary characters of ripe plums and mint, while just starting to develop some more earthy and tobacco leaf complexity, all being tied together with some subtle, dark cocoa oak notes. The palates structural tannins are balanced out by a rich generosity from the beginning through the mid-palate up to the lingering acid line holding together the finish.

Approachable now and for the next 6 years.

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

### Wine from 2021 promotion

#### 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)

To place orders

Order on line - see email for link

Contact Bill Neubauer at the next club meeting,

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

Payment by EFT or card - see page 7

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

**Sample bottles are available**



## June meeting

Our guest speaker for June was Ashley Ratcliffe from the Riverland based Ricca Terra wines.

In 2003, Ashley and his wife, Holly purchased their first vineyard in Barmera, Their vision was to plant, nurture and make wine from grape varieties that were best suited to Australia's warm and dry climate. Since then they have expanded their operation buying various vineyards and promoting the alternate grape varieties suited to the region. Ashley is also very passionate about promoting the history of the region which was originally subdivided by the state government as soldier settler blocks for returning discharged soldiers after World Wars I and II. Some of the vines planted 90 years ago are still producing fruit for a couple of his wines, Soldiers' Land Grenache and Soldiers' Land Shiraz.

During the evening Ashley took us through a tasting of 4 wines from his large range of mainly alternative variety wines

1 - Arinto – A white grape variety that can be found growing in abundance in Portugal. It is one of the varieties which have been identified as able to thrive in hot dry climates and through heatwaves. Unlike many other white wine varieties it is capable of maintaining acidity through long hot summers.

2 - Aglianico is a black grape grown in the southern regions of Italy, a blend of the Vulture and Taurus clones. The clones creates a wine that has a deep colour and rich flavours. They are hand pruned and hand picked and placed in cold storage immediately after being harvested. Once in the winery, a portion of the delivered grapes are not crushed, rather the whole/uncrushed bunches are added to the ferment, which adds complexity to the final wine. The use of natural yeast strains, which originate from the vineyard, heightens the excitement of this wine.

3 - Marathon Man - The 2019 Marathon Man is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot & Durif. Unlike the other wines made by Ricca Terra, the Marathon Man is aged in old oak for more than 12 months. This ageing process develops a wine that is rich in flavour and perfect for the winter months.

4 – Soldier's Lands Shiraz - This wine has two purposes. The first is to acknowledge & hopefully preserve the remaining old vineyards located in the Riverland (planted by returning soldiers but unfortunately many have been removed for economic reasons). The second purpose is to provide ongoing funding to the Returned & Services League (RSL) marking the birth of a partnership between Ricca Terra & RSL.

The original lease of 171 Jury Road, Berri, South Australia, was handed to Horace Walpole & Clara Denford Andrews on 10th June 1922. The ownership of the land changed hands many times until Carl Hermann Pech, originally from the Barossa, purchased it on the 30th August 1939. After eighty-two years of Pech ownership, Robert Ashley and Ruth Lynette Pech sold 171 Jury Road to another Barossa family, Ashley and Holly Ratcliff and their children, in January 2021.

Ashley's presentation was a great insight into the Riverland as an emerging producer of premium wines grown to suit the changing climate of the area and his passion for the area as a producer of premium alternate wine varieties.

On the Club's caravan trip to the area in April we were privileged to be guide through a tasting of Ricca Terra wines at the Riverland Wine Centre.

Ricca Terra Wines – [www.riccaterra.com.au](http://www.riccaterra.com.au)



## 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

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	Octoberfest
November	Daniel Zuzolo - Contract/Consultant winemaker

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



# 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	13th July
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	10th August
Inetrclub Beer and Wine	September	2nd September
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	9th November

## 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.**

July	August	September
Graham Hunt	Phil Hicks	David Racz
Paul Hakendorf	David Strachan	Nathan Crase
Jan Skemstaad	Greg Thomas	Dino Donati

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

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

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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
Venue	Editor David Tulloch
Newsletter	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.

