

# BWBC

## Newsletter

### President's report

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#### Next Meeting

Dan Traucki

*Emerging Varieties*

Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm

Please bring your own tasting glass.

#### Competitions May

Beer - Ale and Lager

Cancelled due to lack of entries

#### June

#### 3 competitions

1-3 year old other red wine  
(2022,2021,2020)

- 1 - Cabernet Sauvignon >85%
- 2 - Cabernet Sauvignon Blend
- 3 - Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ)

Entries close 7th June

Please register on line

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Banner Photo - Basshams wines  
photo by Andrew Thomson

With the late vintage finishing and winter approaching, our Club and its members has been very active and involved. Club meetings have continued to have a good number of attendees and the quality of the speakers has been excellent with such wide ranging topics. Competitions have been very well supported and the judges have spoken highly of the quality and depth of the entries.

Our social programme has been finalised and I strongly encourage our members to consult the Newsletter for the relevant details. Sunday April 30 was a highlight with over 60 members and friends attending the wine tasting from Bassham wines from the Riverland. Val and Bruce Bassham introduced the attendees to over 14 different "emerging or alternate" wines, with detailed comments from Bruce and also Dan Traucki. Dan will be the speaker at our next meeting when he will further discuss this growing trend in alternate wines and their impact on the wine industry. Over two hours at the tasting, we were introduced to Italian, Spanish and Portuguese wines, their heritage and how, with the impact of climate change, these newer varieties have, and will continue to have an impact on the Australian wine industry. A very big thank you to Ian and Tracey Di Bartola for hosting our guests and for organising the event, David Lewis for the PA arrangements and the Committee for the help in arranging the tasting area. Many attending said that it was the best tasting that they have attended and when is the next one.

Bookings for the Christmas in July luncheon at the Horndale Winery has opened with limited numbers able to attend; the three course meal with wines and drinks is heavily subsidised by the Club. Past experience has shown that this function is quickly booked. Also the Bus trip to the Langhorne Creek region has opened, also subsidised and promises to be again another very popular and successful day. See the Newsletter for all the details.

As I am writing this report, I am looking forward to later in the week attending the Discovery cabin and caravan trip to Normanville, enjoying the company of Club members and tasting wines and beers from that region. Thank you to Bernie Morgan for his excellent organisation.

Finally, this Newsletter has the details of the launch arrangements for the Red Wines that we are selling this year. I must thank and congratulate the Committee and especially Bill Neubauer for arranging for these four quality



wines; Responding to member request for a wider choice of bottled wines, the Grenache and Tinto Amarala wines have added a further dimension to your wine choice. The Committee has tried to keep the wine cost as low as possible with rising costs and this is the first increase in price for a number of years. With your membership fee reducing the price by \$50, I wish you well in enjoying the Club Red wines. With sales of our wines underpinning our Club and the running costs and subsidising of functions, may I encourage you to ask friends, family and neighbours to taste the wines and purchase. At the launch of these red wines, there will be the opportunity to organise half dozen lots of the Cabernet, Grenache and Tinto Amarala to make up your dozen purchase.

Looking forward to seeing you at the May meeting  
Brian Ferris  
President

## Secretary's Report

### OUR APRIL MEETING

There were 38 members, 3 partners and 6 guests present. I was one of 10 apologies from members who couldn't make it. From the feedback received, it was a great meeting.

I am always pleased to get apologies on my mobile on 0447212278. Also if you know any members needing contact or support, Ann-Marie Franklin is doing the job of Almoner and membership officer. She may be contacted on 0406338166.

Look forward to seeing many at Normanville.

Regards  
Bernie Morgan  
Secretary



### May Guest Speaker - Dan Traucki

Our guest speaker for the May meeting will be long time club supporter and judge Dan Traucki.

As part of his on-going presentations on EMERGING Variety wines, Dan will present three more lesser known reds.

From Italy NERO D'AVOLA  
From France CARMENERE  
And from Portugal TRINCADEIRA

With a sample of each variety for tasting. Please bring your own tasting glass.

Dan gave an excellent presentation at the May 2022 meeting where he presented three other emerging variety wines.

Picpoul Blanc 2019  
Alejandro Carmenère 2017  
Cabernet Franc 2015

## Membership



## Subscription

### ***Renewal time has expired***

If you have overlooked renewing your subscription please contact the membership officer Ann-Marie Ph 0406 338 166 or email [membership@bwbc.org.au](mailto:membership@bwbc.org.au)





## BASSHAM WINE TASTING Sunday 30th April

Over 60 friends and members welcomed Val & Bruce Bassham (of Bassham Wines) to our special wine tasting event held at the Memorial Hall.

On arrival guests were greeted with a glass of Basshams award winning Lagrein Bubbles. What a way to start! Basshams is a family-owned business. Since 2009, they have been growing emerging varieties from Italy, France, Spain, Russia and Portugal, all carefully selected to suit the terroir and climate of the Riverland. These include Fiano, Vermentino, Arinto, Nero d' Avola, Mencia, Durif, Saperavi, Prieto Picuda.

After tasting some zesty, crispy whites, like the Arinto and Fernao Pires we moved on to the superb reds. Bliss! Graciano, Mencia (new variety for me) Prieto Picudo, Saperavi, being some of the gems we sampled.

The afternoon finished with their Black Currant Liqueur. Magnificent.

Our favourite freelance wine journalist/ BWBC friend/ wine judge Dan Traucki was on hand and commented on some of the wines. Dan is a great advocate of Emerging Wines and rates the Bassham vinos as 'some of the best'.

Check out Dan's block for some very interesting articles on wines at: <https://www.wineassist.com.au/dans-blog/innovation>

Our thanks to Bruce and Val for making the trip to our Club and their generosity in supplying the wines.

Thanks also to the 'wine pourers' who are legendary in their efficiency in metering out the generous serves.

All those who came have unanimously proclaimed it was a 'great day'.

Ann-Marie Franklin

Committee



*Bruce Bassham - photo by Andrew Thomson*

About 30 cartons of wine were sold during the afternoon. The best sellers were the 2021 Saperavi followed by 2021 Durif, 2020 Graciano and Lagrein Bubbles.

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## BWBC Calendar



The BWBC now has a Google Calendar that lists all the clubs activities. This calendar can be incorporated into your own Google calendar. The URL for the BWBC calendar is <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=blackwoodwineandbeer%40gmail.com&ctz=Australia%2FAdelaide>

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## 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)



## Emerging wine grape varieties: opportunities, barriers and potential

The Western Australia Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development's Agriculture and Food division (DPIRD) has released a discussion paper in relation to the emerging wine grape varieties for their suitability for production in Western Australia.

Complementing this work, the department has also explored opportunities, barriers and potential of emerging wine grape varieties in the Australian market.

### Defining alternative varieties

DPIRD has been researching emerging varieties in terms of field performance, wine quality, consumer response and opportunities and barriers. These pages serve to complement Alternative wine grape evaluation in Western Australia bulletin, which provides background on 18 alternative varieties grown in Manjimup and details field performance and wine quality over a number of seasons plus a summary of evaluations conducted at a trial site at the WA College of Agriculture – Harvey.

Never have Australian consumers had greater access to a diverse range of wine styles, varieties and imported wines. Australians' enthusiasm to travel abroad especially to European destinations has improved cultural links between food and wine and increased knowledge of different varieties and styles.

As imported wines become more affordable to Australian wine consumers, the market has grown to about 16% in a relatively short period.

Consumers are interested in new products and looking for interesting wines that offer some alternative to the norm. Sommeliers and retailers will typically make suggestions based on wine style preferences of the customer rather than varietal preferences.

Consumer drinking habits on-premise are heavily influenced by sommelier/waiter recommendations.

Wines available by the glass allow a greater access to new varieties and wine styles. It allows customers to try a range of wines without investing in a whole bottle. Listing a wine by the glass can be influenced by distributors providing incentive through promotion or discounting.

This paper and associated papers are available on the web site [www.agric.wa.gov.au/export-services/emerging-wine-grape-varieties-opportunities-barriers-and-potential](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/export-services/emerging-wine-grape-varieties-opportunities-barriers-and-potential)

While this article is written for the WA wine industry it also applies to the Australian wine industry.

Thanks to Andrew Thomson for the link to the article.



## McLaren Vale Geology

Until the mid-1990s very few people outside of South Australia had heard of McLaren Vale as a winegrowing region. However today, around the world, it is one of Australia's better-known wine regions. This fame is partly down to the perennial stalwarts such as d'Arenberg and Kay Brothers, and in part to the growing number of boutique-quality wineries in the region, now numbering about 100.

It is also due, to quite an extent, to the excellent marketing and promotion of the region. To this end the committee of the ongoing Geology of the McLaren Vale Wine Region map project, while a scientific endeavour, could and probably will have longer-term marketing applications to help advance McLaren Vale in the future.

From an article "On solid rock, sacred ground" written by Dan Trauki and published in

March/April edition of Wine Business Magazine.

For the full article go to [www.wineassist.com.au](http://www.wineassist.com.au) where you will find a link to Dan's wine articles and while you are there check out and sign up for Dan's wine blog. A great weekly source of wine information.



## Cellar Door Fest

Winter Edit brings winery vibes to the heart of Adelaide, 7 & 8 July!

Returning to Adelaide Convention Centre, this smaller, more boutique take on our annual summer festival will be jam-packed with SA's hottest food, wines and spirits, plus a stellar line-up of local folk, indie, disco & soul musicians, making it the ultimate winter warmer.

[www.cellardoorfestival.com](http://www.cellardoorfestival.com)



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## 2023 1-3yr old Shiraz Competition Results April 2023

Place	Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Medal
1 <sup>st</sup>	12	David Lewis	Shiraz 2021 (Block 2)	18.5	Gold
equal 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	G & A Seifried	Shiraz 2020 (Onkaparinga Hills)	18	Silver
equal 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14	G & A Seifried	Shiraz 2022 (Onkaparinga Hill)	18	Silver
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13	David Lewis	Shiraz 2021 (Barrel)	17.5	Silver
	10	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz 2021	16.5	Bronze
	17	Michael Lineage	Shiraz 2022 (Greenock)	16.5	Bronze
	3	Michael Lineage	Shiraz 2020 (Aldinga)	16	Bronze
	6	David Lewis	Shiraz 2020	16	Bronze
	7	G & A Seifried	Shiraz 2021 (Onkaparinga Hill)	15.5	Bronze
	2	Mike Butcher	Shiraz 2020	15	
	4	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz 2020	15	
	5	Jacob John van Eyk	Shiraz 2020	15	
	8	Mike Butcher	Shiraz 2021	15	
	9	Michael Lineage	Shiraz 2021 (Padthaway)	15	
	11	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz 2021	15	
	16	Michael Lineage	Shiraz 2022 (St Laurence)	15	
	18	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz 2022	15	
	15	Mike Butcher	Shiraz 2022	14	

18 entries received

Judge - Sue Bastian

### Our judge for the April 3yr old Shiraz Competition Associate Professor Sue Bastian

Dr Sue Bastian gained a B.Sc. Hons, PhD in Biochemistry and Postgraduate Diploma in Oenology at The University of Adelaide and is Associate Professor in oenology and sensory studies and manager of the Sensory Research Facility at the University of Adelaide where she has conducted research and been a wine educator for over a decade.

Her initial interest in wine and sensory science was stimulated by her tee-totaller parents and her study of biochemistry, cell biology, psychology and physiology. Sue previously worked as a senior scientist investigating milk proteins for health and disease.

Sue trains oenology, viticulture, wine business course work and PhD students. She conducts food and beverage industry sensory training and has completed the AWRI advanced wine assessment course, associate judged at a number of Australian wine shows including the Royal Sydney Wine Show, Rutherglen, Adelaide Hills and Inland Irrigated wines shows.



*Sue Bastian - photo by Andrew Thomson*





## Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Carol Neubauer's home  
5 Hillside Road Blackwood

Sunday 10th September 2023 11am  
\$10 per head  
More details in later newsletter



## 2023 BWBC Bus Trip Langhorne Creek Wine District Friday 27th October 2023

### Tour Highlights

- **2 Pickup points** - Eden Hills Karinya Park(8.00am) or Belvidere (9.15am)
- **Vineyard Road Winery.**  
Group 1 Chocolate and wine tasting  
Group 2 Coffee and Cake  
Swap venues at 10:30am
- **Metala - Brothers in Arms Winery and Rusticana Winery**
- Group 1 wine tour and tasting ( Brothers in Arms)  
Group 2 wine tasting and product tasting (Newman's horseradish).( Rusticana Winery)  
Swap venues at 12:15pm
- **Lunch - The White House, Langhorne Creek**
- **Free time** - Time to visit  
**Meeschi Brewery**, within The white House,  
**Kimbolton Winery** adjacent to The White House
- **Arrive Eden Hills** (5pm)

\$65 per person

Book NOW.

23 members have already booked

**Bookings are now open ( limited to 50 persons )**

Please book on line by EFT to secure your booking.  
Bookings only confirmed when full payment is made.



## Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 3rd December  
11.30 for 12 noon start  
Blackwood Football Club  
Trevor Terrace Blackwood

More details in later newsletter





## Horndale Winery 41-45 Fraser Ave, Happy Valley SA Sunday 23rd July 12.30pm

This year's Christmas in July lunch will be held at the historic Horndale winery. Established in 1896, Horndale Distillery & Wine Cellars is one of the oldest vineyards/wineries in South Australia, owned and operated since 1984 by the Albrecht family. One acre of the original vineyard remains - planted with red Frontignac grapes.  
The menu for the lunch includes entrée platters, main course - Char drilled chicken or Aged tawny marinated roast fillet of beef and dessert. Meals will be an alternate drop menu. Selection of Horndale wines, Beer and soft drink.  
Members and partners only . Limited to 50 people \$62.50 per head.  
Link to bookings form included with newsletter email

## 2023 Club Wine Launch

### Serafino Winery

39 Kangarilla Rd, McLaren Vale

Saturday 27th May from 11am

Chance to taste and purchase 4 great wines

Serafino 2021 Grenache - McLaren Vale - \$110 per doz

Serafino 2022 Shiraz - McLaren Vale - \$120 per doz

Patritti 2021 Tinta Amarela - Barossa Valley - \$110 per doz

Patritti 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon - McLaren Vale - \$110 per doz

See next page for full details and tasting notes



### Sausage sizzle

This free event is open to all members and friends.  
A great way to introduce the club wines to your friends.

Wine will be available for sale on the day, payment by card or EFT transfer.  
To save on storage space we would like, if possible, all orders to be picked up on the day.

## SPECIAL

At the launch day ONLY.

The Grenache, Tinta Amarela and Cabernet Sauvignon will be available in mixed dozen lots.  
The Shiraz can only be purchased by 1 dozen carton.



## 2023 BWBC Wine Sales

The committee, after sampling many wines submitted from various wineries, has settled on the wines for this year's club wine bottling.

We have chosen a 2022 Shiraz from Serafino Wines and a 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon from Patritti.

Also from the feedback we received from the members in our January survey, about alternative varieties, we will have available limited quantities of 2021 Grenache from Serafino Wines and 2021 Barossa Tinta Amarela from Patritti.

The wine this year will be bottled at McLaren Vale Bottlers part of the Serafino winery.

### Serafino 2021 Grenache - McLaren Vale

**Colour:** Deep red with a vibrant purple hue.

**Bouquet:** Aroma of mulberries and black berries with a hint of cinnamon. Rich, bright palate, Showing dark fruits of blackberries and cherries. The long even palate carries the flavours with good persistence and finish.

**Cellaring potential:** Enjoy now or cellar for 3 to 5 years in the right conditions.

**Food match:** Enjoy with roast Pork or Cassoulet.

**Vineyards:** This wine is made from fruit sourced from our estate grown vineyards on Malpas Road.

**Winemaking techniques:** The vineyards were managed to produce high quality fruit through canopy management and fruit selection. Once at the winery fermentation occurred in small 4.5 tonne open fermenters, over a 7 day period. The temperature was controlled between 18-22 c. At the end of the fermentation the wine was transferred to old barrels for 8 months prior to bottling. Enjoy this bright and flavoursome wine.

**Technical details:** Alc 14.4%

Price: \$110

### Serafino 2022 Shiraz - McLaren Vale

**Colour:** Bright red with purple hue

**Bouquet:** Lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak

**Palate:** Purity and freshness of flavour, the Shiraz over-delivered with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins

**Cellaring:** Enjoy now - cellar up to 2027

**Winemaking:** Matured in 2 year old hogsheads. American Oak (70%) and French Oak (30%) for 9 months

**Food match:** Tapas

**Technical details:** Alc 14.5% pH:3.51

Price: \$120

### Patritti 2021 Tinta Amarela - Barossa Valley

Tinta Amarela (also known as Trincadeira or Black Portugal) is a purple-skinned grape used in the production of Port and various other Portuguese red wines. The variety can be traced back to some of the earliest grapevine plantings in South Australia. This wine was made from a vineyard planted in the 1960's in Light Pass area of the Barossa Valley.

**Technical details:** 13.5% Alc

Price: \$110

### Patritti 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon - McLaren Vale

The McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of three vineyards. The wine shows aromas of black currant and mulberries with added complexity from maturation in French and American 500 litre puncheons.

**Technical details:** 14.0% Alc

Price: \$110

## How to order wine

A link to the online order form is always included with the email sent out with the monthly newsletter advice.

Complete the form and click the submit button. An acknowledgement message will appear on your screen and an itemised invoice will be emailed to you.

Payment can be made via EFT before you pickup the wine or by card at the regular monthly meeting or when you pickup the wine.

**All orders MUST be placed on line using the online order form.**





# 2023 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds & Liqueurs	February	1st February
Sparkling Wine	March	1st March
Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2022,2021,2020)	April	5th April
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	May	3rd May
1-3 year old other red wine (2022,2021,2020) Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon blend Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ)	June	7th June
Red Wine - 4 years and older (<=2019)	July	5th July
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	2nd August
Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA	TBA
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	1st November

Please note competition closing dates. Entries cannot be received after the closing date due to administration organisation.

## 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.**

April	May	June
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Sid Thomas is organising the members roster and will contact individual members to help at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sid 0401 123 482

## 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 officer  
Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

## Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

2022/23 Committee

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Web site	www.bwbc.org.au
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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood

### 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.

