

BWBC

Newsletter

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Wednesday
18th September 7.30pm

Andy Coppard
Lino Ramble Wines

Please bring your own tasting glass.
Beer and wine will be available for
tasting at the meeting.

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August

2 beer competitions
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Unavailable at time of
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Banner Photo - Spring is in the air.

President's Report

With the onset of Spring, 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. Sunday September 8 was a highlight with over 60 members and friends attending the second wine tasting from Bassham wines from the Riverland. Val and Bruce Bassham introduced the attendees to over 14 different "emerging" wines, with detailed comments from Bruce and also Dan Traucki. 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 Bartolo 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.

The next social event is the BBQ bonfire at Carol and Bill Neubauer's place, Sunday September 29 – details are in the Newsletter and as with past bonfires, it has always been a relaxed and very enjoyable afternoon. The Newsletter also has all the details of the annual Bus trip to the Adelaide Hills region, again a subsidised function and as with our past day trips, promises to be another very popular and successful day. I strongly encourage members to book early as numbers are limited. Our social programme concludes with the Christmas Presentation afternoon, Sunday December 1 at the Blackwood Football Club Rooms. Always a very special way to close the year and also to recognise our members who have been successful in the Club competitions.

Our wine sales have been very strong this year and the Newsletter details what is presently in stock. The Committee has for the past two years responded to member request for a wider choice of bottled wines and this has proven positive. At present the Committee is examining options for Sparkling, White and Liqueur options and will let members know the outcome.

As you realise it is the sales of our wines that underpin our Club and our running costs which then allow the subsidising of functions, so can I encourage you to ask friends, family and neighbours to taste the wines and purchase.

Looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting

Brian Ferris
President



August Guest Speaker Andy Coppard

Lino Ramble Wines

Lino Ramble is a project born of adventure and excitement, the energy of which shines through in the wines. Vignerons Andy Coppard and Ange Townsend draw inspiration from growers who see organic farming not as a fringe activity, rather as looking after their natural resource base and helping them buffer climate change. There's also a leaning to some intriguing grape varieties from these carefully selected vineyards, with the winemaking fingerprint kept to a minimum. The house style couldn't be any fresher, with the wines, some of the most vibrant out of the Vale, and incredibly well priced considering the care taken here.

Lino Ramble was established in 2012 when Andy Coppard teamed up with friend Angela Townsend. The pair had worked together for several years at Kay Brothers where they struck up a friendship through a shared taste for lighter wine styles that steered away from McLaren Vale's traditional full-bodied flavours and big reds.

In 2020 a cellar door was established in a sandstone cottage at 148 McMurtrie Road that is steeped in more than a century of local history which goes back to the Sparrow family, who once owned Wirra Wirra winery.



Andy Coppard and Ange Townsend
Lino Ramble wines



Cellar door



Lino Ramble
148 McMurtrie Road
McLaren Vale SA 5171 Kaurana Country.
www.linoramble.com.au

BWBC Club Wines

2023 Grenache Serafino *very limited quantity available*

This wine is made from fruit sourced from our estate grown vineyards on Malpas Road. The vineyards were managed to produce high quality fruit through canopy management and fruit selection.

2021 Touriga Nacional Serafino **SOLD OUT**

Touriga Nacional is a variety of red wine grape, considered by many to be Portugal's finest. Despite the low yields from its small grapes, it plays a big part in the blends used for ports.

Touriga grapes create rich wines with intense flavours of fruits like blueberries, plums and black cherries. The variety also leaves wines with a floral aroma and violet tones.

2023 Shiraz Serafino

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

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Patritti **SOLD OUT**

2021 Vermentino McLaren Vale **SOLD OUT**

2017 Nero d'Avola **SOLD OUT**

2017 Shiraz **SOLD OUT**

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

Contact Bill Neubauer ph 0412 525 343 to organise a suitable pickup time.

Secretary's Report

Bernie Morgan is away touring WA for a couple of months so Roger Henderson has stepped up into the position of secretary.

Welcome to our new members



Yvonne Todd



Paul Tucker



BWBC/Bassham Wine tasting

Building on our very successful tasting session with Bruce and Val Bassham last year, this year's tasting was an outstanding success allowing members and guests a chance to taste more outstanding wines. The wines tasted were all from the Bassham's amazing array of emerging varieties wines, some of which are slowly becoming familiar to Australian wine drinkers, while Alfrocheiro came from the never heard of category. See Dan's blog.

On arrival there was a chance to taste the 2023 Prosscco Sparkling or 2023 'Butterfly Kisses' Lagrein Bubbles. After an introduction from Brian Ferris, Bruce introduced each wine with comments on the origins of the grapes and how they were adapting to the Riverland environment. Dan Trauki also added comments about the characteristic each of the wines.

The wine tasted were

White Wines	Red Wines
Fiano Organic 2024	Alfrochiero 2021
Vermentino 2021	Nero d' Avola 2017
Arinto 2024	Montepulciano 2021
Fernao Pires 2021	Saperavi 2021
Verdejo 2021	Lagrein 2018
Percorino 2024	Tannat 2023
Albarino 2024	Durif 2021
Finishing with a Black Currant Liqueur	

The grapes for all of these wines were grown organically by Bruce and Val in their organic certified vineyard, comprising 105 acres of organic vines. at Barmera in the Riverland.

Organic Agriculture is sustainable farming without the use of artificial fertilisers, chemicals, weedicide and pesticides. Only external inputs permitted by organic certification standards. The basic aim of organic farming is to achieve optimum quantities of produce the best possible product for our buyers and later the consumers, and most importantly our land, our rivers and our environment and to leave the land in the best condition for future generations.

For more information about Bassham wines and their very large variety of wines goto www.basshamwines.com



BWBC/Bassham Wine tasting

Photos by Ian Di Bartolo

Dan's Wine Blog

13th Sept 2024

Hands up those of you who have heard of the grape variety alfrocheiro? Not many, I'll wager!

Its full name is Alfrocheiro Preto, but everybody calls it Alfrocheiro- which is sufficiently tongue twisting as it is. Alfrocheiro is a native Portuguese red grape variety which according to "Which Wine grapes are grown Where" By Kym Anderson, has around 1,188 hectares planted globally (almost all in Portugal, with some in Spain) and is # 244 in the world ranking of grapes planted.

Grown mainly in the regions of Dao & Aletejano, Alfrohceiro is know for its deep dense colouring and is usually added to Portuguese red blend to enhance the depth of colour of that wine.

Being native Portuguese, it laps up hot dry growing conditions such as those encountered in many regions of Australia.

Here in Australia, there are only two growers that I am aware of, Wines by Farquhar in the Barossa and BasshamWines in the Riverland Wine region. It is the BASSHAM WINES 2021 RIVERLAND ALFROCHEIRO that is this week's wine review. The is bright purple red in colour, has a big lively bouquet with interesting aromas of cherry ripe, a hint of tinned salmon and the merest hint of rose petals. On the palate it is ever so slightly acidic, with lashings of flavour and a dollop of earthiness, making it a very attractive drinking food wine. It could, in my opinion be described as a warm climate Pinot Noir with an extra splash of vibrant spices. VERY APPEALING.

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Tracy Di Bartolo and Bruce Bassham



Val and Bruce Bassham with Gavin Pennell





2024 Social Calendar



Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Carol Neubauer's home
5 Hillside Road Blackwood
Sunday September 29th 11am
(subject to weather conditions)

\$10 per head includes BBQ lunch and club wine or BYO
Link to bookings form included with newsletter email
See page 5 for map and more details.



2024 BWBC Bus Trip Adelaide Hills Wine Region Friday October 25th

2 pickup points - McLaren Vale - Visitors Centre (7.45am)
Eden Hills - Karinya Park, Northcote Road (8.30am)

Bookings are now open (limited to 50 persons) \$75 per person \$85 for non members

Please book on line by EFT or card at a meeting to secure your booking.

Link to bookings form included with newsletter email
Bookings only confirmed when full payment is made.

Itinerary

Visit Croser Petaluma Wines
Simon Tolley Winery
Artwine

Lunch Grünthal Brew - home to Grünthal Craft Beer and Cider
made in their onsite microbrewery, as well as Grünthal Gin,
Udder Delights Cheese and Hesketh Wines.



Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 1st December 11.30 for 12 noon start
Blackwood Football Club

This year it will be a fully catered function.

The cost will be \$35 per head for members and partners and non-members \$45.

Link to bookings form included with newsletter email



Secretary Bernie and Colleen searching for the missing BWBC minutes on Ningaloo Reef WA



Spring

Bonfire / BBQ

Bill and Carol Neubauer's home

Sunday 29th September 2024 11am



\$10 per head
BBQ lunch
Club Wine or BYO

REGISTER ON LINE

5 Hillside Road
Blackwood SA

Park in Plymouth Avenue or the car park on the western side of Main Road near walking bridge. There are plenty of car parks available. It's just a short flat walk along the walkway to the bonfire site.

If you intend to come to this event please could you register so in the event of inclement weather we know how to advise that the event has to be cancelled. The registration link is sent out with newsletter email. Please bring chairs, plates and glasses etc.

The club will be hiring a portable toilet for the day.



Entrance from walkway

Look for sign

Alternate parking off Main Road and walk over bridge and follow path to the right to us.

Drive to end of Plymouth Ave and take track to left and walk or drive along path to the rear of our property

Plymouth Ave
From Coromandel Parade

Please do not go to the Hillside Rd entrance as the parking is very limited and there is a very steep walk down to the bonfire site.

Sunday 29th September 11am



2024 Competition Program

Meeting	Competition	Entries Close
February	Fortifieds & Liqueurs	14th February
March	Sparkling Wine - Cancelled	13th March
April	Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2023,2022,2021)	10th April
May	Beer - Ale Beer - Lager Sparkling wine (rescheduled)	8th May
June	1-3 year old other red wine (2023,2022,2021) Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon Blend Other Red Wine(NOT SHIRAZ)	12th June
July	Red Wine - 4 years and older	10th July
August	Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	14th August
November	Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	13th November

A maximum of only 3 entries per competition is allowed.

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

Members' Duty

Members are needed to help before the meeting (by 7pm) to organise seating, tables and to assist with bringing the trolleys up from the store room.

After the meeting help is needed to clear meeting room, mop the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

Please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 482 if you are able to help either setting up for the meeting or clearing up afterwards.

All members are asked to bring their own tasting glass.

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.

2024 Committee

Executive

Brian Ferris	President	0423 125 269
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
Andrew Seifried	Treasurer	0478 294 101

Committee Members

Chris Ball	Competitions	0400 344 467
Ian Di Bartolo	Social Program	0412 373 739
Ann-Marie Franklin	Membership & Almoner	0406 338 166
Roger Henderson	Social Program	0491 154 017
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Property Officer

Bill Neubauer	0412 525 343
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1st Aid Officer

Des Williams	0416 041 629
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Safety officer

Ian Di Bartolo	0412 373 739
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Life Members

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

Contact

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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
Newsletter	Editor David Tulloch Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month. Contact davidt@internode.on.net

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.

