



Eltham & District Winemakers Guild Inc.

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The Guild encourages the responsible consumption of alcohol

The Guild meets on the last Friday of each month
at the Eltham Living & Learning Centre at 7.45 pm
Next meeting: 30 October 2009

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Be sure to note Cellar Plus bottle and bottle closure specials shown on page 7

Next Meeting

Next meeting 30 October - 7:45 pm start: Featuring:

- **Mario Fantin and Spencer** will lead a training session on stewarding for judging in this year's show. The 40th Eltham Wine Show is promising to be one of the biggest and best, and I am forecasting in excess of 650 entries. We would greatly appreciate every member trying to make themselves available for stewarding to help make the show the greatest success. As many as 50 stewards are needed to assist with the wine judging on 21 Nov. There will be opportunities for stewards to be appointed as associate judges.
- **WOTY tastings:** Bring a country wine, Chardonnay, or a Cabernet Sauvignon for critical assessment. There should be plenty of time available to assess numerous samples.

President's Press

Spencer Field

Great Promise for our 40th Eltham Wine Show:

We have a lot of publicity out there promoting the Show, including Italian and Slovakian language posters; David Hart appearing on Channel 31's Wine Squad on 24th Oct (**make sure you watch it!!**); Vasili from Channel 31's Vasili's Garden appearing and being an attraction at the Show. David Hart is also plugging the Eltham Show as a bi-weekly guest on community radio. The Show Committee has already gained some publicity and a photo (staring **John O'Callaghan** and **Liz Pryor**) in the local press.

Well, have you got your entries ready to forward? The official closing date is 21 October so don't leave it much longer. You should have already received one, but if not, entry forms can be downloaded from www.amateurwine.org Don't forget this year offers all red wine makers a chance to win the Joe Illian Perpetual Trophy which is for the best Rose. If you haven't already made a Rose style wine for this year's Show, it still might not be too late to organize if you have barrel samples of red and white wine that you can blend. About equal quantities of red (preferably unwooded) and white should be sufficient to create the necessary Rose colour. Then you are likely to need to apply some real winemaking finessing - eg, fining, further blending or some other adjustments - to achieve medal winning Rose aroma and palatability.

We would also like to see more country wine entries this year. You might have a good one gathering dust in your cellar. Don't overlook the opportunity to challenge for the **Winemaker of the Year (WOTY) award**, which is determined by totalling the three top scoring wines in the Show from any EDWG member, at least one wine of which must be a country wine, one a grape wine, and at least one of the three wines must be current vintage.

September meeting a highlight:

Following a ripper of a meeting in August in which we sampled and assessed some of the top Eltham and Frankston member country wines, we followed up with another ripper in September with the focus on Mediterranean wines - especially Italian. With 36 members in attendance, Joel Pizzini, winemaker from Pizzini Wines (King Valley) led us through Australian and imported Italian and Spanish wines. The wines comprised Pizzini Arneis, Vietti Arneis, Pizzini Nebbiolo, Italian Nebbiolo, Fighting Gully Rd (Beechworth) Tempranillo, Rioja Spanish Tempranillo, Pizzini Sangiovese and Italian Sangiovese. A

tasting of member Sangiovese (five barrel samples and one 2005 sample) then followed, and Joel was quite complementary about the quality of all these wines - good colour, fresh, a sign of good fruit and promising wines. Joel impressed all with his substantial vineyard and winemaking knowledge, fine palate and very flavoursome wines.

King Valley winery weekender 10/11 Oct 2009:

Bill and Liz Loughlin are to be congratulated for co-ordinating one of the best winery weekends yet with excellent fine wines, extra virgin olive oil, mustards and cheeses, great socialising, great sunny weather and scenery, a lovely Saturday night dinner and the most educational weekender yet. We visited four wineries in the Upper King Valley, Myrtleford and Milawa districts with the focus on Italian wines.

I for one came away from the weekender with a much improved understanding of what King Valley has to offer wine lovers - well made and very enjoyable Italian wines, both reds and whites, with a real Italian cultural experience added. We also tasted some fine chardonnays and Rieslings. Others found some surprisingly good merlots and durifs, and Dal Zotto had a very good but somewhat expensive shiraz.

Member purchases of King Valley wines:

In general, most wines were reasonably priced at \$16 - 18 with up to 20% bulk discounts. To get the maximum discount, the Guild has joined as a member of Dal Zotto Wine Club, and if there is enough member interest, the Guild could also join Chrismont and Gracebrook to gain maximum discounts and free delivery. **So check out the websites for these three wineries and send me an email for an order.** Mixed dozens are eligible and even if you only want to buy six or less wines (three minimum please!!), I would combine small orders to make up dozen lots. This is a new service offered only to members on a trial basis, as the administration may be a little too much unless a volunteer? is prepared to take the job on for a year at a time.

Open Cellars of Nillumbik 17, 18 October:

Don't forget to visit Nillumbik wineries this weekend featuring music and food as well as fine wines. Consider supporting life members turned professional Karen Coulston (Hills of Plenty) and Ken King (Kings of Kangaroo Ground). For more information, ring 1300 660 072 or go to www.opencellars.com.au

Kevin Furness Open Cellars and wine tour 31 Oct - 1 Nov:

Kevin, another leading member turned professional, is a sponsor for a winery weekender in the Bendigo/Heathcote region, who provides for overnight accommodation and a local bus service to several wineries, including Kevin and Jenny's own *Buskers*. Ring Kevin on 0408 067 288 or email him at furnfare@hotmail.com

Wine Quotes and News

Articles wanted

Articles of interest, whether they are quotes or newsworthy, are requested from members. If you have a draft version or need some assistance, I'm happy to assist for its inclusion.
(Ed.)

EDWG 40th Annual Amateur Wine Show

Dear Friends,

The Eltham and District Winemakers Guild Inc. is holding its 40th Annual Amateur Wine Show.

For full details please refer to our website at <http://www.amateurwine.org/>

The Wine Show Entry Kit can be downloaded from:-

<http://www.amateurwine.org/documents/ShowEntryKit2009.pdf> (Adobe Acrobat)

<http://www.amateurwine.org/documents/ShowEntryKit2009.doc> (Winword)

Entries close Wednesday 21st of October 2009

Regards
Eltham Wine Show Committee

40th ANNUAL ELTHAM AMATEUR WINE SHOW



Check your winemaking and tastings
and compare them against the judges'
comments at the Show on



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***N.B. Wine entries close Wednesday 14th October
2009!***

***Watch out for entry forms from our sponsors,
or from the Guild web site www.amateurwine.org***

For Further Information: 03 9437 0053 or Email: cheers@amateurwine.org

Getting Your Wines Tested

Spencer Field

The following have been found to be very helpful for testing and advice on members' wines; including in regards to sulphur levels, total acidity, pH, malolactic fermentation, identification of faults, etc. All charge for the testing only.

Cellar Plus - Ring Richard Webb at the city store tel 9328 1409. Richard is trained and experienced in winemaking, and runs courses for winemaker aspirants on behalf of Cellar Plus.

Karen Coulston - (Hills of Plenty, Yarrambat). Karen is a life member of the Guild, a trained chemist and successful wine maker, wine science educator and Show Judge. Tel 9436 2264.

Vinicta Products - Thomastown; tel Steve Jenkinson 1300 360 353. Steve provides a testing service for his wine industry customers.

Trading Barrel

BUY / SELL SERVICE FOR MEMBERS - Ads need to be lodged with the editor by the 14th of the month to be included in the next Newsletter.

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A strong supporter and sponsor of the Eltham Winemakers Annual Show. John Mitris also is a regular entrant in the Wine Show.

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Costante Sales Consultant and amateur winemaker

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