



## Press Cuttings October 2019

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Wine Show Chief Judge	Sandrine Gimon		



**The Guild encourages the responsible consumption of alcohol**

The Guild meets on the last Friday of each month (except December)  
at the Eltham Living & Learning Centre at 7.45 pm  
Next meeting: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Guests interested in finding out more about the Guild are welcome to our regular meetings, as always.

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## President's Press

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### **Committee**

Your committee had a packed agenda to discuss on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, mostly relating to next year's program of events, sponsorship and the wine show. If you have any suggestions for topics for the monthly guild nights contact any of the committee members to let them know your ideas now, we want to ensure that you get good value from our regular guild nights.

### **Eltham Wine Show**

By the time you read this Newsletter, the entries for the 2019 wine show will have closed! At last count we have 99 entrants and 549 bottles registered. Please ensure that you deliver your bottles to the designated drop off locations by 10th November. The success of the wine show relies heavily on input from our membership, if you haven't already committed to helping out on 16th & 17th of November then seriously consider doing so, especially if you haven't been involved in the past, no need to spend 2 full days just any time you can spare – contact Mario Anders now! Have you ever considered being an associate judge? This is a fantastic opportunity to tune up your senses with the guidance of our professional judges and taste/compare some great wines in the process – contact Mario Anders mentioning wine classes in which you are interested.

### **Next Guild Night – 25th October**

Unfortunately, the person we had organised for the October meeting is now not able to present so we will have a last-minute replacement program. Due to unforeseen circumstances our scheduled program for the next guild night won't run and will be rescheduled for a meeting next year. As a last-minute replacement, we will be having a RED wine blind tasting. The idea is to look at a generic description of for example shiraz and try to identify which masked wines are shiraz, that is see if the wines are true to their generic description. We will have some gold medal reds from last year's wine show, members wines and maybe some commercial wines. Please bring along a bottle of RED for tasting, any variety, any age, one you've made yourself or even an interesting commercial wine. See you on Friday night!

### **Final Guild Night for 2019 – 29th November**

Don't miss this one! Wine Show debrief and Feedback Session for all wine show entrants presented by Chief Judge Sandrine Gimon. A great opportunity to improve your winemaking based on the judge's assessments of your wines. This night is also an opportunity to show non-member entrants the benefits of guild membership.

**Cheers,**  
**Wayne Harridge - President**

## Forward Program for Future Guild Events

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
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<b>Saturday 16 November 2018</b> <b>Sunday 17 November 2018</b>	<b><u>EDWG Wine Show Judging Day</u></b> <b><u>EWVG Wine Show Open Day</u></b>
<b>Friday 29 November</b>	<b><u>Monthly Guild Night</u></b> Wine Show debrief – Feedback Session for all wine show entrants presented by Chief Judge Sandrine Gimon. Social end of year breakup

## 2019 Committee Meeting Dates

Members elected to positions on the Guild Management Committee meet every month. Every second month either Guild business or the Wine Show is discussed.

### Committee Members

Mario Anders, Danny Cappellani, Trevor Sleep, Bill Bussau, Gary Campanella, Mario Fantin, Wayne Harridge, Bill Loughlin. Graham Scott

### Guild Business Meetings

Agenda: Guild Night Program, Membership, Winemaking Education Initiatives, Social Events, Financial, Website, Guild Promotion.

Meeting Dates (Wednesdays): **6 February, 10 April, 12 June, 14 August, 9 October**

### Wine Show Meetings

Agenda: Marketing, Logistics, Sponsorship, IT, Judging, Financial, Governance  
Committee Members plus Sandrine Gimon & Angela Harridge also attend these meetings

Meeting Dates (Wednesdays): **13 March, 15 May, 10 July, 11 September, 6 November**

### Visitors Welcome

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings as visitors. New ideas and suggestions for improvement are most welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact the President or Secretary. The Committee meets at 8pm Eltham Living & Learning Centre.

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## Meet the New EDWG Committee

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- President Wayne Harridge
- Vice President Danny Cappellani
- Secretary Mario Anders
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- Committee Members Angela Harridge

## HUMOUR

# Life is too short to drink bad wines!

## NEWS

The following articles are brought to you by Graham Scott

### **A hard cask: can Australia embrace the boxed wine resurgence?**

More than 50 years after it was first invented by a bloke named Thomas Angove in South Australia, boxed wine is back in fashion. It's come a long way. Once the domain of cheap drops and drinking games, there are now specialty "bag-in-box" wines selling out in bottle shops across the country, produced by a coterie of Australia's trendiest winemakers. Technology has advanced, yes, but it's popular for the same reasons it was a smash hit in the first place: boxed wine is cheap, portable and convenient. You can buy three litres, take it home, and it'll keep in the fridge for four weeks once it's opened. The only difference is now, according to Dr Mardi Longbottom, a senior researcher and viticulturist at the Australian Wine Research Institute, the "quality of wine can be exceptional".....(Read more)

<https://www.theguardian.com/food/2019/oct/04/a-hard-cask-can-australia-embrace-the-boxed-wine-resurgence>

### **Is it good night for bentonite?**

Winemakers will soon have a suite of options to produce protein and heat stable wines, delegates at the recent Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference heard.

'While bentonite addition has been the most widely-used approach for many years, some winemakers have indicated they would prefer a commercially-viable alternative that can selectively remove proteins without changing the sensory profile or removing wine as lees', said Dr Jacqui McRae, formerly with the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) and now hub manager for the University of Adelaide's ARC Graphene Research Hub. She said the key message from the research she presented at the conference was that they would soon have greater choice – and be able to choose the best alternative for their particular wine.....(Read more)

<https://www.wineaustralia.com/news/articles/is-it-good-night-for-bentonite>

### **How to get the most from People's Choice Wine Awards**

We might all be a little burnt from the concept of asking "the people" for their opinion when it comes to making big decisions. But let's leave Strictly Come Dancing to one side for a moment. When it comes to wine judging the norm is only ever to ask trained professionals to assess how a particular wine is compared to another. Not the People's Choice Wine Awards. It lives up to its name by involving everyday wine drinkers in deciding which wines should be awarded the top prizes. Admittedly with a little help from the professionals. As the deadline for entries into this year's award approaches on September 30, Janet Harrison, its founder, looks back at the impact the event has had, and what new partnerships she has made for this year's competition and why it is increasingly more relevant for the on-trade.....(Read more)

<http://www.the-buyer.net/people/janet-harrison-on-making-peoples-choice-wine-awards-bigger-in-2020/>

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Regards  
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## Jo Illian Awards – Forward Thinking

By Gary Campanella

Keep an eye on the Jo Illian Awards beyond this year and next few years.

Start experimenting and making stone fruit Wines for the 2018 Jo Illian. Start your Chardonnay now for the 2020 Jo Illian. Check out the EDWG Fruit Report on our web site.

Yes .... Forward planning .... I see some of our best winemakers doing it.

<b>Show Year</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>2021 (Country)</b>	<b><i>Best Raspberry Wine</i></b>	<b><i>TBA</i></b>
<b>2020 (Grape)</b>	<b><i>Best Previous Vintage Chardonnay (WCP)</i></b>	<b><i>TBA</i></b>
<b>2019 (Country)</b>	<b><i>Best Stone Fruit Wine (CST, Any vintage, Any Style, Includes CSP, Sparkling)</i></b>	<b><i>TBA</i></b>
<b>2018 (Grape)</b>	<b><i>Best Previous Vintage Cabernet Sauvignon</i></b>	<b>Geoff Neagle</b>
2017 (Country)	Best Mead Wine (CME, includes JAO)	Trevor Roberts
2016 (Grape)	Best Previous Pinot Noir (RPP, 2015 or earlier)	David Hart
2015 (Country)	Best Country Wine (excludes Hybrid, Sparkling, Liqueur)	Gary Campanella and Hamish Lucas
2014 (Grape)	Best Current Vintage Dry Grape White wine, Any non-sparkling style, Any Varietal	Danny Cappellani
2013 (Grape)	Best Previous Red Blend	Danny Cappellani
2012 (Grape)	Best Previous Shiraz	Gary Campanella and Jid Cosma
2011 (Country)	Best Hybrid	Neil Johannesen
2010 (Country)	Best Herb, Grain, Flower, Veg	Mario and Jean Anders
2009 (Grape)	Best Current Vintage Rose'	Peter Belec
2008 (Country)	Best Sparkling County Wine	David Wood
2007 (Grape)	Best Current Vintage Sauvignon Blanc	NHE Johannesen
2006 (Country)	Best Berry or Current Wine	David Hart
2005 (Country)	Best Other Fruit Wine	Vinko Eterovic
2004 (Grape)	Best Shiraz	K. Furness, D. Markwell
2003 (Country)	Best Mead	Harry Gilham
2002 (Grape)	Best Riesling	Richard Skinner
2001 (Country)	Best Raspberry	Jacques Garnier
2000 (Grape)	Best Pinot Noir	Philip Hellard

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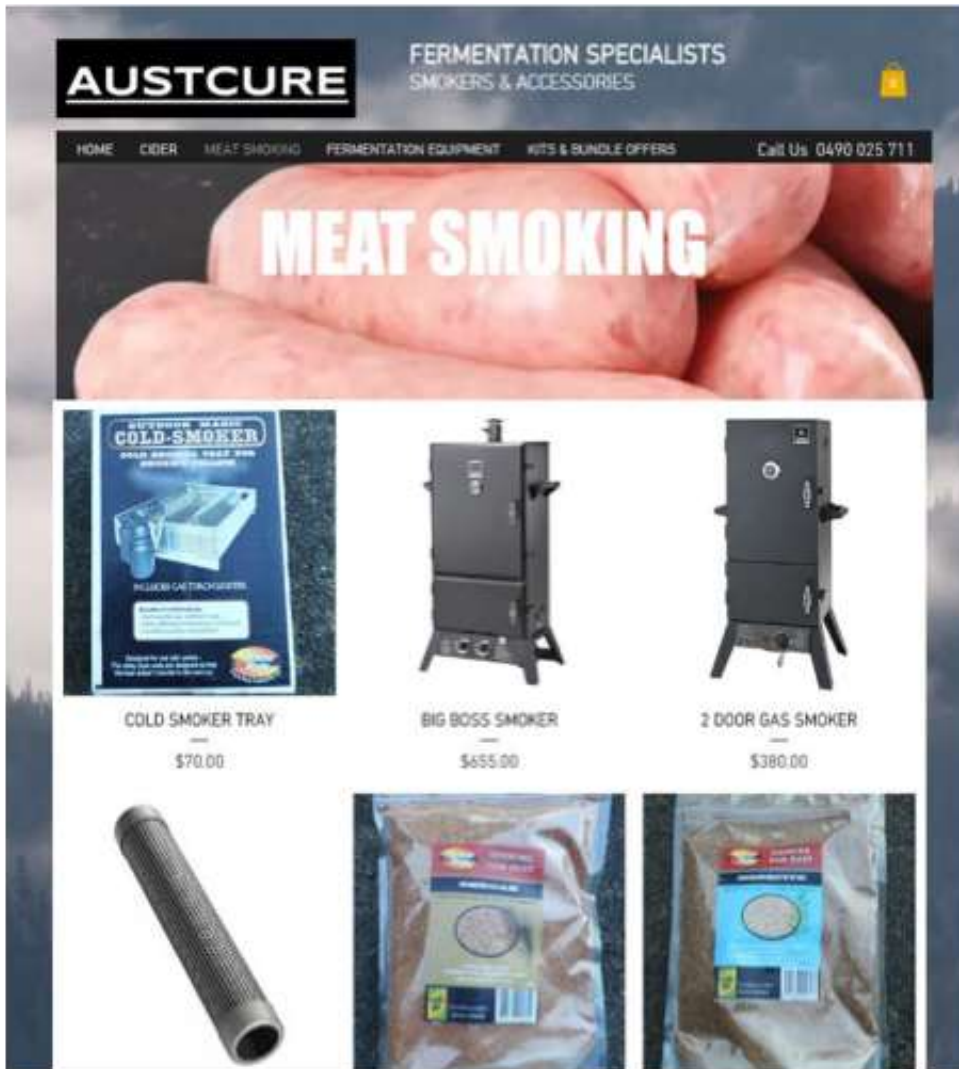
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