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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 31st January 2020

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

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President's Press

Happy New Year !

This year looks like presenting some challenges for winemakers – drought conditions in some grape growing regions with lower yields (but maybe higher quality), bushfires in some regions with a number of vineyards wiped out and others with their grapes damaged by smoke taint, followed by recent heavy rain which increases the possibility of disease. Country winemakers and mead makers are facing similar problems as a result of these severe weather conditions. With these challenges comes opportunities, can't get your shiraz from your usual supplier then try some other supplier maybe from a different region, try some different grape varieties or get a load of apples and try your hand at making cider, we will be creating a few cider classes for the 2020 wine show. Whatever winemaking endeavours you embark on your fellow guild members are here to support and encourage you. Make vintage 2020 something special !

Program for 2020

We start the program this year with a presentation by Karen Coulston, a very experienced hands-on winemaker and wine scientist who will be talking on the topic "Planning and Preparation for Vintage 2020". Make sure you don't miss this session which will give you plenty of opportunities to ask Karen questions to help you with this year's vintage.

The 2020 program is still quite open so if there is anything you would like to see on the program contact any of the committee members and let them know. This could include:

- Topics for a speaker at regular guild nights
- Other activities for a regular guild night
- Visits to local wineries
- Workshops
- Social events

An event which we propose to run later this year is a 1 day pruning workshop (theory and practical), so if you would be interested in this let us know.

Eltham Wine Show 2020

Due to proposed renovations of the Veneto Club we will be relocating the show to St Margarets Hall in Eltham. Note the following dates:

- Closing date for entries – 24th October
- Labels mailed – 31st October
- Final date for delivery of bottles - 13th November
- Judging – 21st November
- Public day – 22nd November

Samepage

Samepage is the forum/team working/general messaging system we have been using over the last few years. If you want to find out what's happening with the guild between regular meetings or if you want any winemaking advice I would encourage you to get into Samepage. If you experience any problems using Samepage then contact Mario Anders at info@amateurwine.org.au

Cheers,

Wayne Harridge – President

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Forward Program for Future Guild Events

DATE	ACTIVITY
Friday 31 January	<u>Monthly Guild Night</u> Karen Coulston will speak on "Planning and Preparation for Vintage 2020".
Other Dates	<u>TBA</u>

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2020 Committee Meeting Dates

TBA

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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Eltham Wine Show 2019 Trophy and Award Winners

Best Grape Winemaker	David Hart
Best Woman Winemaker	Libby Hatzimichalis
Eltham Guild Winemaker Of The Year (WOTY)	David Hart
Hillside/Bayside Trophy	Danny Cappellani
The Harry Gillham Trophy for Best Country Winemaker	Danny Cappellani
Best Liqueur	David Wood
Best Herb Grain Flower or Vegetable	Danny Cappellani
Best Other Fruit Wine	Libby Hatzimichalis
Bill Christophersen Trophy Best Previous Shiraz Wine	Libby Hatzimichalis
Jo Ilian Trophy	Noel Legg
Best Joes Ancient Orange Mead	Mario and Izabella Fantin
Best Other Mead	Steve Stepic
Best Traditional Mead	John Moloney
The Mead Cup	Anne Shea
Best Sparkling Red or White Grape Wine any vintage	Richard Webb
Best Cabernet Sauv Cabernet Franc current vintage	Harridge Family
Best Cabernet Sauv Cabernet Franc previous vintage	Mario and Izabella Fantin
Best Less Common Red Variety current vintage	Bill Bussau
Best Less Common Red Variety previous vintage	David Hart
Best Merlot previous vintage	David Pope
Best Other Red Blend current vintage	Phil Blight and Jenny Lokhorst
Best Other Red Blend previous vintage	Terry Norwood
Best Pinot Noir current vintage	Russell and Petrea Savige
Best Pinot Noir previous vintage	Mario Fantin & John O Callaghan
Best Rose any type current vintage	Tim Donegan
Best Shiraz current vintage	Glen Fortune
Best Chardonnay Pinot Gris current vintage	Terry Norwood
Best Chardonnay Pinot Gris previous vintage	Danny Cappellani
Best Less Common White Varieties any vintage	David Hart

Cheers,
Wayne Harridge - President

A note from the Editor

After 6 years of putting together the EDWG Newsletter, it is time for me to hang my boots up and pass the baton to someone else.

It has been a real pleasure editing the Newsletter, adding captions to photos from the many International Nights and Wine Shows., and trying to find humorous clips to bring a smile to members. Some were contributed by members of which (most) I was glad to receive and add. Some contributions had to be vetted as we tend to have a PG rating on our Newsletter, but the contributed jokes were rated R18+. Whilst very appreciated by the Editor, it may not have been received well.

When I took this task on, it was supposed to be for a year but after that, I kept going and never got bored. What kept me going was the many entries members submitted and shared with others. I was very thankful of Graham Scott who was and is a champion at providing interesting articles for everyone to read.

So, where does the Newsletter go from here?

In short, Angela Harridge has accepted the challenge of Editor In Chief. Angela can be contacted via the following email address:

angelah@structuregraphs.com

Please support Angela in this role as it's the member's Newsletter and not any individual's, and the Newsletter can only be as great as those who contribute and keep it alive.

Thanks again for the opportunity of being The Editor.

Signing off.

Luigi Ex Editor.

Wine Humour and News

HUMOUR

After all that is said and done, there is a lot more said than done! . . . Anon.

NEWS

The following article is brought to you by Graham Scott

'Wine is like the canary in the coal mine' for climate change

Washington: Many of the world's prime wine-growing regions could shrink dramatically due to climate change, a new study suggests.

This is because wine grapes are extremely sensitive to the changes in temperature and season that come with climate change.

In fact, if the global temperature rises by 2 degrees by 2100, the regions of the world that are suitable for growing wine grapes could shrink by as much as 56 per cent, according to the study.

And with 4 degrees of warming, 85 per cent of those lands would no longer be able to produce good wines.

.....(Read more)

<https://www.theage.com.au/world/europe/wine-is-like-the-canary-in-the-coal-mine-for-climate-change-20200129-p53vrm.html>

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Jo Illian Awards – Forward Thinking

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

Check out the EDWG Fruit Report on our web site.

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

Show Year	Class	Winner
2021 (Country)	<i>Best Raspberry Wine</i>	<i>TBA</i>
2020 (Grape)	<i>Best Previous Vintage Chardonnay (WCP)</i>	<i>TBA</i>
2019 (Country)	<i>Best Stone Fruit Wine (CST, Any vintage, Any Style, Includes CSP, Sparkling)</i>	Noel Legg
2018 (Grape)	Best Previous Vintage Cabernet Sauvignon	Geoff Neagle
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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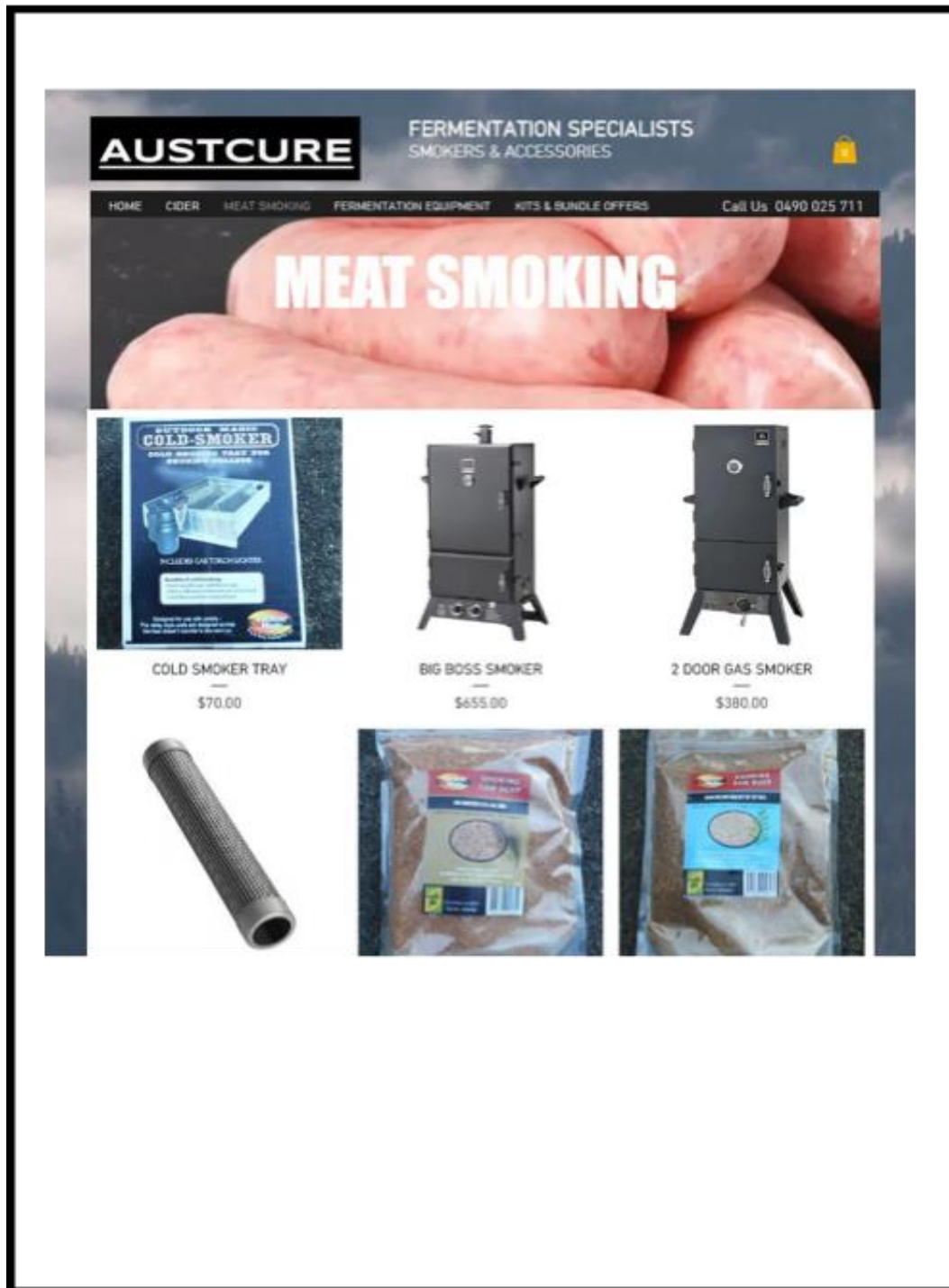
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