

# Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club

## Summer Reds and Salute to Kym

### Coming up

- February: Halliday Challenge (Home).
- March: Taste of Eden (Away).
- April Vertical Tasting (Home)
- May Z Wines (Away)
- June: AGM Tenafeate Creek Wines (Home)
- July: Birthday (Away)
- August: James Haselgrove (Home)
- September : Kellermiester (Away )
- October Bruce Commemoration (Home)
- November Seabrokes (Away)
- Christmas at Lamberts



In January we remember Kym Jenke—a long standing member and wine maker who passed away in 2016. For many years the club did not have a January event—but one year (2011) Kym invited us to gather by the creek at Jenke Wines. He was very generous with his hospitality for the next five Januarys.

Twenty seven members arrived at our Rowland Flat home base (almost next door to the Jenke vineyards) on a warm evening to be greeted with some of Kym's 2016 Rosé and Dim Sims and a Cheese board with Soft dried Apricots and dates.

Before our tasting could get underway there was a bit of administration to get out of the way. Members were asked whether they wanted partners at the birthday event (No) and the best day for the Christmas event.

Ian handed out his tasting sheets and informed members the first two tastings were 2016 Rosés to compare with Kym's. The most remarkable difference was in the colour—Kym's was really a red while the other seemed to be very pale in comparison. When the vote was taken most went for Kym's, one for the first of the Rosés and a number liked the other one. The comparators proved to be a Lindeman's 2015 Early Harvest Rosé (our welcome wine last January) and Deep Woods 2017 Estate Harmony Rosé (One of James Halliday's top 20 reds under \$25—2017 Weekend Australian Magazine. It ranked equal—95 points—with the other Rosés and was the cheapest—\$15).



It was then time for our first treat of the night. The committee had invited Rick Burge to join us and reminisce about Kym Unfortunately he was not able to make

We welcomed Lindsay Stevens, Greg Bollmeyer and John Noble as full members

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it but sent along two bottles of the 1998 Jenke Barossa Late Disgorge Sparkling Shiraz. Rick requested that when talking about the wine we should acknowledge his wife Bronnie. One of the bottles belonged to her and he had to prise her from it with the promise of replacement with a very expensive bubbles bottle of like quality. I an used the opportunity to propose a toast to Kym. The members enjoyed the wine and were told they were unlikely to taste it again. This elicited a response from Steve and Simon that they each still had some in their cellar. The tasting then continued with three different reds from our cellar. They were a Ross Estate 2010 Lynedoch Limited Release, a Jenke 2010 Profile and a Tscharke 2012 The Master Mon-



tepulciano. Members had some difficulty identifying the blends but some picked the Tscharke. Opinions were fairly equally divided on which wine was best.



Our final treat for the night was an extra tasting of a Jenke 1996 Barossa Mourvèdre, provided by Michael Sanderson. He has won it as a prize at a January meeting some years ago. There was only one bottle so our taste was small—but most enjoyable none the less. Thankyou Michael.



The meal provided by Bob & Jenny was a bit of a departure from normal. We enjoyed Ham off the leg, Chicken for red wine jellied Terrine, with a salad selection including watermelon & fetta, pineapple, carrot and cherries salad, banana with coconut, rice with peas— and corn, pasta with Bacon, Kym Jenke sauerkraut and a green leaf salad.

As well as the left overs from our tastings the main meal was accompanied by two of Dean Trinne's Sarah Street Vineyard, Feral Row Shirazes—2015 & 2016. Dean wanted the committee to try them with a view to including some in the Club's cellar (we have). The 2015 & 2016 are available from Dean at \$120/dozen and he still has 2010 shiraz, 2011 shiraz, 2012 shiraz sale at \$100 a doz. There were tasting notes for the 2012 Feral Row Shiraz in the June 2017 newsletter.



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With our port we enjoyed Ice Creams and Bitter Chocolate .

Door prize winners were Rud Nicholson, Steve Blee and Peter Frick.



# Summer Reds—Photos



# Summer Reds—Photos continued



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# Wines



## Jenke 2016 Rosé

Picked early in the season, this Cabernet Rosé is meant to be enjoyed while young, crisp and lively. It's a vibrant and fun style with a serious side, there's plenty of flavour and substance to make it a solid food wine but equally it can be quaffed on the patio with pre-dinner nibbles.

**Colour:** Cabernet berries are a dense purple red colour and this wine reflects the variety. It has a mid-crimson red appearance with distinctive violet hues. Quite intense for a Rosé indicating a fuller flavoured style.

**Aroma:** The aroma of blackcurrants, and musk confectionary is the first impression on the nose followed by All-spice and sweet paprika.

**Palate:** The opening palate is a combination of sweet blackberries and liqueur maraschino cherries. It's a lively punch to the senses with a solid middle palate packing tannin grip and a spicy savoury complexity. There's a touch of sweetness making it easy to drink but this is definitely a big, bold Rosé rather than a delicate wall flower.

Alcohol: 12.5% by volume, Price \$5.31 (Bought from Graysonline.com by club)

## Lindeman's 2015 Early Harvest Rosé

A crisp and refreshing wine, created by harvesting grapes early so that the wine can be made naturally allowing it to have lower alcohol and sugars. Vibrant pink in colour promising lifted aromas of strawberries and cream and a touch of spice to complement the bright fruit flavours. Lindeman's Early Harvest Rosé is a lovely mix of Shiraz, Grenache and Sangiovese varieties. It displays a clean pale pink colour with bright hues of rouge on the edges. This light-bodied wine presents a lively and aromatic bouquet of luscious black berries and ripe strawberries. Fruity characters fill the wine's palate while a perfect balance of sugars and acids leads the flavours to a refreshing, crisp and clean finish. Lindeman's Rosé Wine is designed for immediate enjoyment while fruit characters are still young and fresh.

Region: Victoria, Alcohol: 8.5% by volume, Price \$9.90 (Dan Murphy).



## Deep Woods 2017 Estate Harmony Rosé

**VARIETIES** Shiraz 77% , Tempranillo 21% , Grenache 2%

**VINTAGE NOTES :** The 2017 vintage was (for Rosé) undoubtedly the best in Deep Woods Estate's history. A long, cool growing season allowed for slow, measured flavour development which resulted in lower than normal alcohol levels with incredibly complexity of flavour.

The wines are elegant and delicate with clean, fine acid structure yet huge in character.

**WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS :** Dry Rosé is a great wine style – one that we put a lot of work into at Deep Woods Estate. This wine continues a run of excellent vintages, combining great freshness and lightness in a wine that is still complex and satisfying.

**ANALYSIS :** Alcohol 12.5%, pH 3.34, TA 6 g/L

**TASTING NOTES : Colour** Palest of pinks.

**Aroma** Forest berries with a hint of lifted violet notes.

**Palate** Unashamedly dry with vibrant, balanced acidity. Light-to-medium-bodied, displaying raspberry and strawberry fruit flavours with a satisfying persistent finish.

Wine Companion tasting note.

James Halliday - Published on 01 Nov 2017

Light pink with a shimmer of salmon. Produced from a blend of shiraz and Tempranillo, and has a proud history of high quality predecessors. The length of the wine is prodigious, offering strawberry, red cherry and raspberry, cut and shaped by persistent acidity. Rating: 95

Region: Margaret River Price: \$12.35 (Dan Murphy)

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## Jenke Barossa Late Disgorge Sparkling Shiraz 1998



We have been growing grapes and making wine in the Barossa for 6 generations, and now and again some special wines come our way. This sparkling Shiraz spent 3 years in 'seasoned oak' prior to bottling 'on tirage' in 2001, to produce a wonderful bottle aged sparkling red with an extremely fine bead and wonderful aged characters.. This Shiraz is a full bodied traditional Australian style that was bottle fermented and left on its own yeast lees and allowed extended maturation in the bottle for another 9 years before its 'late disgorgement'. We added a small amount of (1981) vintage fortified shiraz to add a little sweetness and some wonderful complexity during disgorgement. The Jenke family is proud to occasionally release an aged vintage sparkling red from our vineyards. Winemaker—Kym Jenke.

Wine Companion tasting note.  
James Halliday - Published on 17 Jul 2012

The wine spent three years in used oak, and three years on tirage prior to disgorgement in '10. It is complex, very complex, but there are some discordant notes here and there. A near miss. Rating: 88 Alcohol: 12.5% Price: \$48.00

## Ross Estate 2010 Lynedoch Limited Release

In 2010 the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grapes from the Ross Family Vineyards were elegant, structured and intense. Selected vibrant parcels were isolated early for this resultant wine. Only melded before bottling the unity of this trio of wines sees lifted blackberry and cherry fruit with a complex, rich palate and silky tannin structure. This is a wine in harmony that I know will age with dignity. Alex Peel—Winemaker

Wine Companion tasting note.  
James Halliday - Published on 10 Jul 2013

A blend of estate-grown cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot, with a rich and succulent array of blackcurrant, redcurrant and spicy Christmas cake memories, oak and tannins moulded into the fruit. Vale 2010. Rating: 94 Alcohol: 14.5% Price: \$4.50 (Clearing sale by Hemera)



## Jenke 2010 Profile



Barossa Profile is a 'Bordeaux' style blend of Petite Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Something of an experimental wine, this blend captures a 'Profile' of the Cabernet family of grape varieties from Barossa Valley soils. Unusually it is Petite Verdot dominant (45%), which imparts a robust, mouth filling dark chocolate character surrounded by the berry and earthy elements of the other members of the family.  
Price \$14.10 (Bought from Graysonline.com by club)

Wine Companion tasting note.  
James Halliday - Published on 17 Jul 2012

An eclectic 45/27/25/3% blend of Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc; it has a fragrant bouquet, the palate still coming to terms with its components, but should settle down in the years to come. Rating: 89, Alcohol: 14.5%

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## Tscharke 2012 The Master Montepulciano

**VINTAGE REPORT:** Vintage 2012 marked my twelfth vintage at our Stonewell property in Marananga. This harvest my sister Kylie [the baby of the Tscharke Family] joined the winemaking team and as a united front we remained in full control throughout harvest. The cooler dry season delivered outstanding fruit. The wines from 2012 will be riper than 2011 but not as rich as 2010. There was incredible balance this year with great fruit weight and much higher acidity levels.

**VINEYARD:** The Montepulciano vineyard is located on our Stonewell Estate. Planted in 2001, this was Australia's first vineyard planted to this variety indigenous to Italy. Trained onto a single cordon wire, the canopies produced from the well established bilateral cordons are managed using a VSP [vertical shoot positioning] trellising system. This variety is very fruitful and assists with growing intensely flavoured, yet balanced fruit. Bunch thinning is carried out post véraison. The brown clay soils have shallow underlying sedimentary bedrock. Montepulciano is a late ripening grape variety but despite the longer ripening period it has an exceptional ability to retain great acidity levels in warm growing conditions.

**WINEMAKING:** The hand-harvested fruit is destemmed to an open top fermenter. The must is inoculated and allowed to ferment between 22-25°C until dry. The cap is managed by pumping over twice daily without splashing. Once primary fermentation has been completed the skins are retained and allowed to macerate for a further 30 days before being bag pressed and racked to new and seasoned French oak. The wine is bottled 15 months after harvest to ensure the style retains its vibrancy and primary fruit freshness.

**TASTING NOTES:** The vibrantly coloured wine has a purple/red hue, leading to a deeply coloured core. The aromatics are vivid with plenty of varietal definition echoed by red fruits, strawberries, wild raspberries and fennel. The palate is full bodied displaying plenty of red fruits, spice and incredible structure laced with savory tannins.

Vineyard: Stonewell, Alcohol: 13.9% / vol., pH: 3.54, Titratable Acidity: 6.17g / L, RRP: \$25

Wine Companion tasting note.

James Halliday - Published on 28 Jul 2015

Bright crimson-purple; the fragrant, perfumed bouquet is followed by a delicious red-fruited palate; this is one of several examples that suggest a real future in Aus., even if it is in retreat in Italy. Points: 94

## Special Treat: Jenke 1996 Barossa Mourvèdre

On the rich alluvial river flats of the North Para River at Rowland Flat in the Barossa Valley the Jenke family has been tending vines for generations. This is our first varietal release Mourvèdre, and we believe we are the first Barossa vineyard to release a Mourvèdre. For many years the variety was known by its Spanish synonym Mataro. This variety has been grown in the Barossa Valley since the 1840's and used to make some of the great fortifieds of the days gone by. In recent years with the renewed interest in Rhone varieties, the old sleeper Mourvèdre is on its way back.

We pay tribute to this history by releasing this varietal wine made from 96 year old bush vines. The result is a rich fruit driven wine, with enough tannin to cellar for 5 to 7 years. Since the handling of this wine was kept to a minimum a harmless 'crust' may appear over time and it should be decanted accordingly.



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Alcohol 13.1% Price ? Kindly donated by Michael Sanderson

Wine Companion tasting note.

James Halliday - Published on 20 Jul 2011

Medium to full red-purple; solid, concentrated ripe berry fruit on the bouquet introduces a rich, full-textured palate with abundant dark berry and dark chocolate fruit surrounded by soft tannins. You can really see the old vine influence at work here. Points 90

