

# Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club

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## Ian's Mystery Wines

### Coming Up

- ♦ Jul: Birthday Dinner at Lambert's Wines (Away)
- ♦ Aug: Purple Hands Wines (Home)
- ♦ Sep: Brokenshach Wines (Home)
- ♦ Oct: Remembering Bruce Thiele Dell'Uva Wines (Away)
- ♦ Nov: Kies Wines (Home)
- ♦ Dec: Christmas at Rosenvale with Wives & partners (Away).



While we enjoyed a range of wines from our cellar and nibbles, Laurie Rundle welcomed us to our June meeting, particularly our guests Dagmar and Paul Keady, Luke Raggio and Paul Ryan. He also mentioned a new member Rita Coleman before handing over to Peter Frick for our AGM.

We agreed to accept the minutes of the last AGM and the financial report (that had been previously circulated). Next was the matters of the new committee and the changes to the constitution. Since the vote on changes to the constitution was to be by secret ballot, we resolved to cast our votes and then start our wine tasting while they were being counted by our auditor Ian Roark. After four wines were tasted the meeting resumed. The changes to the constitution were agreed to and the new committee appointed, with

Laurie Rundle retiring and Viv Tomlinson joining the committee of Peter Frick, Ian Cooper, Ron Tomlinson, Bob Heinicke and Graeme Worsley. Laurie was thanked for his contribution to the running of the club and. Ian Roark was re-appointed as our auditor.

Ian Cooper began his presentation explaining that the main theme of the evening was that the wines were all rated by James Halliday. Tasting sheets had been distributed and Ian explained how these could be used to come up with a rating that could be compared with the one the Halliday team had given the wine. He mentioned that for the rating to be advertised it



### GUEST INVITATION

You are invited to join a group of like minded men at a Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club dinner meeting to taste, talk about, learn and enjoy wine. Inquiries Peter Frick [btredwine-club@gmail.com](mailto:btredwine-club@gmail.com)

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## Mystery Wines (cont.)

would have to be more than 85. Ian, assisted by Simon Granfield, poured the first wine and invited everyone to test their sight, smell and taste to rate the wines on colour, nose and palate. After everyone had eyed, sniffed and swigged the wine he asked first was the wine a varietal or blend. Opinions



were mixed and he eventually revealed it was a varietal—but which one? Again there was a diversity of opinion but the actual variety, Shiraz was finally suggested. John Ellis was first to come up with the correct year (2016) and a number of people were correct in naming it as coming from the Barossa. The wine was 2016 Soul Growers Provident Shiraz. The suggestion as to the points given by Halliday tended to be on the low side. In the end the 89 points awarded was suggested.



Wine number two was given the same treatment. Dagmar Keady was again good with the variety and John Ellis with the year, but nobody picked that it was from the Heathcote region of Victoria. It was 2017 Domaine Asmara Private Collection Shiraz with a Halliday rating of 92 points. Wine number three was a 2018 Jim Barry 'The Forger' Shiraz with a slightly higher rating of 93 points. While most people had clicked that the wines were all likely to be shirazes there was still many suggestions as to the region and year (John Ellis was right a third time!).

Our fourth wine was picked correctly by Colin Coleman as a 2010 Jenke 1926 Vineyard Shiraz.

This like wine number one was from the club's cellar and when tasted by James Halliday was awarded 94 points. The rating was done in 2014 and some people felt the wine may have changed over time.

After a short break to complete the AGM we continued with wine five. This one was also from our cellar and was a 2014 Kies Family Wines Dedication Barossa Valley Shiraz. It was given 95 points by the Halliday team. It also took a bit of guessing to establish the winery and location despite being almost next door to our Lyndoch venue.

## Mystery Wines (cont)



The final wine to be tasted was the highest rated for the night at 98 points. It was a 2020 Scotchman's Hill Bellarine Peninsula Shiraz. Not surprisingly no one picked the region—Bellarine Peninsula—despite Ian's offer of a bottle of wine if they did. It was not

voted 'wine of the night' however, this honour went to the Jenke shiraz. One member commented that it may have been even better with decanting.

Following the tasting we enjoyed a delicious dinner of Roast Pork with crispy crackling served with a red wine gravy and a medley of roast vegetables, classic Coleslaw and Apple Sauce accompanied by hot buttered dinner rolls. The club's own barrel Port was unavailable due to our 'Keeper of the flagon', Peter Boehm was an apology. However Simon Granfield had brought an alternative from our cellar which went well with the dessert of Sticky Date pudding with Butterscotch Sauce and Cream.



Ron Tomlinson ran the draw for the door prizes of donated Uleybury wines with the ladies picking out the lucky tickets. The winners were Ian Cooper, Paul Drake, Colin Coleman and Luke Raggio.



Laurie concluded the evening by thanking the presenter Ian Cooper and congratulated and welcomed those who had accepted positions on the committee. He also thanked the catering staff from the Lyndoch Hotel—Chef Ali and waitstaff Kayla and Amelia who had produced another great dinner.

## TASTING NOTES

## 2016 Soul Growers Provident Shiraz

The fore fathers of the region had either a grand vision, or simple luck to plant Shiraz in the Barossa. It's been and continues to be the very essence of our region today and will remain an iconic variety representing some of the oldest vineyards and highest pedigree wines that adorn many of the ne cellars and wine lists of the world. The very Soul of the region.

**Vineyards and Vine Age :** Fruit was taken from 11 vineyards with vine age ranging from 20 yrs 70+ years. Sub Regions include Ebenezer, Kalimna, Eden Valley, Stonewall, Vine Vale and Lights Pass.

**Maturation:** 9% New French Oak Hogshead, 9% New American Oak Puncheons, 82% Old French and American oak Hogsheads.

**Tasting Note:** Dark purple, black hues with dark berry fruit carrying onto the nose with subtle spicy oak. The palate has soft up front notes of plums and blackcurrant with integrated oak structure . The finish is soft and long.

"From five districts, some old vines, matured for 16 months in French and American hogsheads (10% new) Bright crimson on the rim; curiously the oak is quite obvious on the bouquet and the medium-bodied palate. There's also some fractures in the line." 89 Points  
James Halliday, Published 01 August 2018

Alc: 14.5%, Cellar door Price: \$28



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## 2017 Domaine Asmara Private Collection Shiraz

Domaine Asmara, located in the heart of the rich Cambrian region of Heathcote in Victoria, is a family owned and operated vineyard that produces small parcels of exceptional fruit that is transformed into complex and flavoursome wines just like this Private Collection Shiraz. 'Asmara' translated from Indonesian to means 'Love & Passion' - a character than is intrinsic in this boutique Shiraz.

A spicy Shiraz. Packed with dark fruit flavours. Medium-full bodied with a long finish. Halliday rating 92 pts. 94 pts and GOLD MEDAL Wine Showcase Magazine

"Crafted in less oak than its more expensive brethren (10% new and the reminder one-use), it is less sculpted, edgier and a bit brighter. Lifted by a suave reductive hand, imparting florals and iodine notes, this is a highly skilled winemaking regime, ably showcasing Heathcote's iron-clad chocolatey DNA sans caricature." 92 Points

Ned Goodwin MW, Published 01 August 2019

Alc: 14%, Cellar Door Price \$35 (Dan Murphy Member Price \$28.50)



## 2018 Jim Barry 'The Forger' Shiraz

Medium red with a purple hue in the glass, this wine opens with a brooding array of purple fruits; dark plum and blackberry with a hint of violet lift. This primary fruit is countered with notes of cinnamon and sweet oak char. The palate is packed with the rich brambly fruit which follows on from the nose. Fine, chalky tannins give the wine a plush, velvety texture that fills the length of the palate. The Forger has a rich, lingering, persistent finish and is ideal for cellaring.

"Individual blocks vinified separately, the pressings returned, 7-10 days on skins, matured in new, 1yo and 2yo oak for 13 months. Medium to full-bodied, with some cherry notes alongside blackberry. Overall elegance a winner." 93 Points

James Halliday, Published 01 August 2020

Alc: 14.1 Cellar Door Price: \$35.00 (Dan Murphy Member Price \$28.00)





## TASTING NOTES

## 2010 Jenke 1926 Vineyard Shiraz

The Jenke family has been growing grapes in the Barossa for six generations and this Shiraz is a fantastic example of the style and quality produced from the Jenke Estate Vineyards. The wine is deep red in colour with a complex nose of savoury fruit, olives and some French oak spice, including cinnamon and cloves. The palate is wonderfully rich with the bonus of bottle age which has softened and made the wine eminently approachable. The palate kicks off with blackberry fruit, then the secondary characters appear with roasted meat notes and toasty oak predominant. There is plenty of layers to this wine and the flavours flow through the palate. It finishes with silky soft tannins and good length of fruit.

“The vineyard was planted by Kym Jenke's grandfather in 1926. The grapes have produced an elegant wine with admirable fruit-freshness, framed by subtle French oak. This vintage has been notable for the great balance of its wines, reflected here. 94 Points

James Halliday, Published 26 July 2014

Alcohol Volume 14.5% RRP\$30.00



## 2014 Kies Family Wines Dedication Barossa Valley Shiraz

We dedicate it to you. No tattoos or extravagant buildings, just brilliant Barossa Valley shiraz. The Kies family have been growing fruit in the Valley for seven generations and have forged a reputation for weaving magic with this variety. Their focus is on ‘getting better, not bigger’.

Rich old Barossa shiraz with mulberry, tobacco, leather, and light oak overtones. A big wine with long flavours and rewarding characteristics, full of plummy fruit balanced by abundant soft tannins. Very small production runs of each vintage have been done to retain the uniqueness of this wine.

Halliday Wine Companion tasting note:

“Has a bit of swagger to it. The fruit struts, the tannin crashes, the flavours curl on and out through the finish. We're talking red and black berries, liquorice, smoky/cedary oak and drills of graphite. It's a substantial wine, the premium price entirely warranted.” 95 Points. Campbell Mattinson Published 06 October 2016

**Wine Analysis:** Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Price: \$55.00



## 2020 Scotchmans Hill Bellarine Peninsula Shiraz

Tasting Notes: Complex nose of dark plum, ripe cherry aromas. Spice and pepper notes with cedar oak rounds out the bouquet. The palate is bright with an array of red fruits and dark cherries. Medium bodied mid palate with integrated tannins and oak. The wine has great balance and structure which will give great longevity.

Technical Notes: Winemaking Region: Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria. - Clone: PT23. - Soil Type: Self mulching black vertosol derived from tertiary basalt. Yield: 2.5kg/vine, 2.5tn/acre, 6.25tn/ha, 44hl/ha. - Winemaking: De-stemmed to small fermenters with the inclusion of 15% whole bunches and cold soaked for 5 days. Wild ferment at 28 degrees for 7 days. Pressed to barrel for a wild malolactic fermentation. Racked and bottled in July 2020. - Oak Use: Matured in new to 4 year old French barriques for 16 months.

Spectacularly deep colour with a crimson rim. Typical Scotchmans Hill vinification: whole bunches and whole berries, cold soak, wild ferment, new and used French oak. The wonder of cool-grown Shiraz with attention to detail from start to finish, part the mouth-watering spice and black pepper, liquorice and blackberry flavours, part the texture and structure. Irresistible Australian Shiraz. 98 Points

James Halliday, Published 20 November 2021

Alc: 14.5% RRP \$42.00 (Dan Murphy Member Price \$32.30)



# PHOTOS (BY IAN COOPER)





