

## Reillys show us Clare and Barossa wines

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A great turnout of 41 members this month and as usual we were greeted with a welcome wine. A choice or maybe both of Reillys 2022 Cuvée Sparkling Watervale Riesling and Reillys 2023 Watervale Riesling. A great way to start the evening accompanied with delicious entrees from the hotel kitchen and lively conversation creating a great vibe to start the evening.

At 7.00 pm Graeme our MC rang the bell and welcomed everyone.



Ron then talked about some important housekeeping issues:

**When making payments to the club**, please clearly indicate what you are paying for.

**Red Room** - Members are prohibited from going behind the bar unless previous permission has been given. Members are requested to clear up any wine spills on table or floor ASAP.

At the end of the evening, members are requested to return empty glasses to the bar, place empty bottles in boxes and place waste paper in the bin bag provided.

### **Bruce Club Wine**

Bruce club wine is again available. \$60 a case and no limit. Orders to Peter with payment.

Ron also informed everyone that committee member Tony Connelly was in hospital recovering from open heart surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Graeme then introduced our guest presenter Justin Ardill from Reillys.

Justin talked a little bit about the history of Reillys at Mintaro in the Clare Valley and that he had just finished his 31<sup>st</sup> Vintage. Easter last year 2023 they opened a second cellar door Reillys 11 in Greenock.

Justin then talked about the welcome wines:

The 2022 Cuvée Watervale Riesling, showing great fruit with a soft floral bouquet with a refreshing palate of lemon and lime.

The 2023 Watervale Riesling, floral aromas with orange blossom characters.

Then we went on to taste the reds:

The 2018 Moonvine Sparkling Shiraz, Justin described Sparkling Shiraz as “Mothers milk to an Australian wine maker” and “The Australian equivalent of French Champagne” Justin suggested that if you really want to know how good a Sparkling Shiraz is let it go flat then taste it then you will know how good it is!

Next to taste was the 2020 Moonvine Sagrantino Sangiovese Shiraz,



### **Coming up:**

- ◆ May: Ballycroft (Home)
- ◆ June AGM Cellar Challenge (Home)
- ◆ July: Birthday Tschärke (Away)
- ◆ August: Brothers at War (Home)
- ◆ September: Tenafeate Creek (Home)
- ◆ October: Founders Dinner Urbatas (Away)
- ◆ November: Pirathon (Home)
- ◆ December Christmas Greenock (Away).



### **GUEST INVITATION**

You are invited to join a group of like minded people 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)

## Reillys Continued

Flavours of dark cherry, savoury, blackberry, plum and Cigar box.

Justin said this was a unique blend and that no one has done it before.

Then we tasted the 2018 Dry Land Cabernet Sauvignon a 100% dry grown Cabernet. A big red full-bodied wine characteristics of mint and eucalyptus with rich blackcurrant and chocolate.

Then onto taste wine number 6, 2018 Moonvine Leasingham Greenock Cabernet Shiraz, 70% Cabernet 30% Shiraz. Dark cherry, stewed plum, mint, Cigar box and vanilla. Justin said that this is really an Australian blend and difficult to sell overseas as people just do not get it!

Wine number 7, 2018 Moonvine Greenock Reserve Shiraz. A big wine with intense, rich full-bodied fruit, cigar box, stewed plums, and ripe tannins. Six years old with time to run. Justin said they do not make younger style wine; they do what they do and why they came to the Barossa was to make big wines!

Wine number 8, 2018 Moonvine Moppa Shiraz, this second vintage release wine hand-crafted from a small parcel of premium fruit sourced from dry grown old vines in the Barossa Valley. A full-bodied wine showing layers of dark fruits with lifted spice and rich soft tannins.

Lastly, we tasted 2008 Dry Land Fortified Shiraz

Super ripe low yielding Shiraz fortified in an aged Brandy spirit and matured in American Oak hogsheads for 2 years. Rich and luscious with blackberry and Christmas pudding flavours and a lingering, velvety mouth feel.

Justin explained the Moonvine brand they went with for the Barossa wines. The label is taken from a painting called 'Moon in The Vines' by Artist Tom Gleghorn which hangs in Jasmine's Restaurant in Adelaide. Reillys were given permission by the artist to use a part of the painting for their label.

We then all enjoyed a delicious meal with more Reillys wine.

In Tony's absence Peter and Ron organised the raffle and Justine picked out the winning numbers.

Lucky winners to receive a bottle of Reillys wine were:

Glen Hillebrand, Colin Coleman, and Brian 'Nipper,' Fechner



Justin was thanked for his enthusiastic presentation and generosity and presented with a certificate of thanks.

Graeme closed the evening thanking by the kitchen staff.

He announced that next month we are back in the Red Room for a presentation by Joseph Evans Wine-maker/Viticulturist/Owner Ballycroft Vineyard and Cellars Greenock.

A special thanks to all who volunteered to assist with pouring the tasting wines for the evening.

### Welcome: Reillys 2022 Cuvée Sparkling Watervale Riesling

Riesling from our Watervale vineyards has been carefully crafted to create this sparkling wine. It has a soft floral bouquet with a refreshing palate of lemon and lime. This wine has a delightfully fine bead and it is finished with fresh, crisp balanced acid. Best enjoyed chilled, perfect for toasting any occasion.

Cellar Door Price \$32, Wine Club Special \$24



### Reillys 2023 Watervale Riesling

Our 2023 Riesling is handcrafted from fruit grown on elevated sites at both Smyth and St Clare vineyards where rich red loam overlays deep limestone. This delicate wine shows lifted floral aromas with a rich palate of refreshing lemon and lime followed by crisp acid on the finish.

Enjoy chilled with seafood or Asian cuisine.

Best to drink: Now - 2033

AWARDS & ACCOLADES:

GOLD MEDAL / 95pts ~ Rutherglen Wine Show 2023

PREMIUM MEDAL / 92pts ~ Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2023

SILVER MEDAL / 90pts ~ Clare Valley Wine Show 2023

Cellar Door Price \$28, Wine Club Special \$21



### 2018 Moonvine Sparkling Shiraz

Vineyard: Leasingham 1919 Block Shiraz / De Fazio Greenock Shiraz

Harvested: Handpicked in March 2018

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters. Hand plunging and gentle pressing. Charmat method re-fermenting

Maturation: 2 years in French Oak Hogsheads

Profile: Intense, rich full bodied fruit. Rich vanilla and spice with soft tannins and fine bead

Cellaring: Bottled December 2021. Best consumed 2022-2025

Analysis: TA 6.3 g/L - pH 3.49 - Sugar 4.0 g/L - Alc. vol 13.5%

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

4.5 STARS, 96PTS ~ Winestate Magazine 2022

Top in Category ~ Annual Champagne & Sparkling Wine Show, Winestate Magazine 2022

Cellar Door Price \$40, Wine Club Special \$30



### 2020 Moonvine Sagrantino Sangiovese Shiraz

Vineyard: Leasingham Sagrantino & Sangiovese / De Fazio Greenock Shiraz

Harvested: Handpicked in March 2020

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters. Hand plunging and gentle pressing

Maturation: 18 months in French Oak Hogsheads. 50% Sagrantino 45% Sangiovese 5% Shiraz

Profile: Dark cherry, savoury, blackberry, plum and Cigar box. Crisp natural acid and bold tannins

Cellaring: Bottled March 2022. Best consumed 2025-2030

Analysis: TA 6.57 g/L - pH 3.53 - Sugar 0.64 g/L - Alc. vol 15% - Standard Drinks 8.9

Cellar Door Price \$40, Wine Club Special \$30



## 2018 Dry Land Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard | Smyth's Block, Leasingham // Average Vine Age 52 years

Our dry grown vines are expertly managed to ensure low cropping of 2T per acre, with fruit being handpicked at optimal ripeness. Traditional methods of open fermentation for 10 days and hand plunging extract maximum colour and flavour before maturation in French oak for 24 months.

The result is a full-bodied wine with distinct regional characteristics of mint and eucalyptus with rich blackcurrant and chocolate. It has well integrated oak with firm tannins and a lingering palate.

Enjoy now or cellar until 2033.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

TROPHY & GOLD MEDAL ~ Best Dry Red from Exhibition

SILVER MEDAL ~ Clare Valley Wine Show 2023

Cellar Door Price \$38, Wine Club Special \$30



## 2018 Moonvine Leasingham Greenock Cabernet Shiraz



Vineyard: Leasingham 1919 Block Cabernet / De Fazio Greenock Shiraz

Harvested: Handpicked in March 2018

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters. Hand plunging and gentle pressing

Maturation: 24 months in French Oak Hogsheads. Blended December 2020: 70% Cabernet 30% Shiraz

Profile: Dark cherry, stewed plum, mint, Cigar box and vanilla. Ripe tannins

Cellaring: Bottled August 2021. Best consumed 2024-2030

Analysis: TA 6.6 g/L - pH 3.51 - Sugar 0.7 g/L - Alc. vol 14.8% - Standard Drinks 8.8

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES:

SILVER MEDAL, 90 POINTS - Rutherglen Wine Show 2021

"Leafy herbal lift, good fruit weight, tannin line"

Cellar Door Price \$60, Wine Club Special \$45

## 2018 Moonvine Greenock Reserve Shiraz

Vineyard: De Fazio Greenock Shiraz, originally planted 1864

Harvested: Handpicked in March 2018

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters. Hand plunging and gentle pressing

Maturation: 30 months in French Oak Hogsheads

Profile: Intense, rich full-bodied fruit, Cigar box, stewed plums and ripe tannins

Cellaring: Bottled August 2021. Best consumed 2025-2035

Analysis: TA 6.4 g/L - pH 3.54 - Sugar 0.6 g/L - Alc. vol 16% - Standard Drinks 9.5

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES:

GOLD MEDAL, 95 POINTS - Saint Martin Great Australian Shiraz Challenge 2023

SILVER MEDAL, 94 POINTS - Saint Martin Great Australian Shiraz Challenge 2021

BRONZE MEDAL, 88 POINTS - Barossa Wine Show 2021

BRONZE MEDAL, 87 POINTS - Rutherglen Wine Show 2021

"Inky deep dark red. Bramble ripe blackberry. Ripe and rich dark fruited"



## Reillys Wines Continued

BRONZE MEDAL, 86 POINTS - Marananga Wine Show, Barossa Valley 2022

"Sweet fruits and spice, cumin and extract, big wine, Syrupy flavours."

87 POINTS - Wine Enthusiast Importer Connection 2021

"Smelling of black plums, vanilla, Pu-erh tea and peat, this is a hulking giant of a wine. Its full-bodied palate is resolutely firm, with sturdy, broad tannins drying the palate."

BRONZE MEDAL, 89 POINTS - Barossa Wine Show 2023

Cellar Door Price \$60, Wine Club Special \$45

No notes on the website for the 2019 vintage.

### 2018 Moonvine Moppa Shiraz

Vineyard | Barossa Valley // Dry Grown Old Vines

Winemaker | Justin Ardill, Owner & Winemaker since 1993

Winemaking & Viticulture | This second vintage release wine has been hand-crafted from a small parcel of premium fruit sourced from dry grown old vines in the Barossa Valley, South Australia.

These aged vines produce small yields of premium quality fruit with concentrated flavours and balanced acidity. Hand picked at optimal ripeness, our winemaker Justin Ardill uses traditional winemaking techniques of open fermentation, cold soaking, prolonged skin contact and hand plunging before gently pressing to extract maximum colour, flavour and tannin from the berries.

Maturation in fine grained French oak hogsheads for 24 months has allowed development of smooth vanilla oak characteristics.

Profile | This full bodied wine shows layers of dark fruits with lifted spice and rich soft tannins. The wine displays well integrated oak with a long lingering finish.

Specifications | 16.0% alc/vol // TA 6.03g/L // pH 3.69 // RS 0.6g/L

Cellar to | 2038

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

GOLD MEDAL, 95 POINTS - Marananga Wine Show, Barossa Valley 2022

"Savoury, farmyard aromas, drying spice, tannin and extract"

91 POINTS - Australian Wine Showcase 2021

BRONZE MEDAL, 88 POINTS - Rutherglen Wine Show 2021

"Quite advanced ripe and oaky. Sweet ripe fruit and sweet oak to match."

BRONZE MEDAL, 86 POINTS - Marananga Wine Show, Barossa Valley 2021

"Dark black fruits, liquorice very ripe but put together well, good length, has freshness"

BRONZE MEDAL, 85 POINTS - Barossa Wine Show 2022

BRONZE MEDAL, 86 POINTS - Barossa Wine Show 2023

Cellar Door Price \$40, Wine Club Special \$30

### 2008 Dry Land Fortified Shiraz

Vineyards: St Clare Leasingham

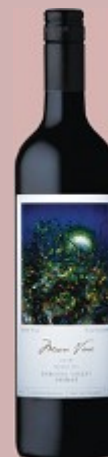
Cropping 1.5 T/per acre

Baumé: 18°

Yeast: AWRI 796

Fermentation: Cold soaked and open fermented prior to fortification on skins. Pressed day 10

Maturation: American Oak Hogsheads 24 months



## Reillys Wines Continued

Total Acidity: 4.75 g/L pH: 3.98 Residual Sugar: 95 g/L Alcohol: 20.5% Spirit: Aged Brandy  
Best Drinking: Now – 2025

WINEMAKERS NOTES: Super ripe low yielding Shiraz has been fortified in an aged Brandy spirit and matured in American Oak hogsheads for 2 years. This rich, luscious wine has flavours of blackberry and Christmas pudding and a lingering, velvety mouth feel. Those with the patience to allow further maturation in the bottle will be richly rewarded.

### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES :

94 POINTS, James Halliday, [www.winecompanion.com.au](http://www.winecompanion.com.au) "Dense blackish colour; a well-made and well-balanced vintage port style; the fruit is spicy and deep with black cherry flavours together with spice and licorice; the spirit used to fortify the wine is clean, and the overall balance very good." Ross Noble, The Courier newspaper, 17th Sept 2014 "...Flavours of Christmas pudding and blackberry compote abound. It is a splendid drink now but further maturation in the bottle will bring greater reward."

Cellar Door Price \$40, Wine Club Special \$30



### Photos (by Ian Cooper)



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