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Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club



Birthday at Gomersal Wines

The July gathering at Gomersal Wines was attended by 60 members and guests. It was a very pleasant evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Upon arrival we were gathered in the foyer area and were greeted by Gaby (Cellar door & Events Manager) and her assistant Aleesha. They treated us to two welcome wines— [2023 Gomersal Wines Premium Clare Valley Riesling](#) and [Gomersal Wines Grenache Rosé](#). These were enjoyed with nibbles of Spinach & fetta triangles, Mini Quiches, Potato puffs, Spring rolls and Mini crumbed chicken bites with dipping sauce. Gaby welcomed us to



Coming Up

- ◆ *August: The Willows*
- ◆ *September: Gibson Wines*
- ◆ *October: Founders Dinner Kies AWAY*
- ◆ *November: Blind comparison of areas led by Ian.*
- ◆ *December: Esilio Wines.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 btredwineclub@gmail.com

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Gomersal Wines and told up a little about the winery and how the evening was to proceed.

After members finished their wine, nibbles and catching up with each other we were ushered through to the main venue where separate tables had been set up for tasting and eating. Laurie Rundle Emceed the evening and we sat at the long tasting tables where Gaby told us more of the history of Gomersal Wines and details of the wines we had already tasted. Aleesha gave us the vintage report for the current vintage.

History

Gomersal Wines has a history rooted in the late 19th century, with a more recent revival in the early 2000s. Friedrich W Fromm established the Wonganella vineyards in 1887 and later a winery on the edge of Gomersal Creek in 1891, originally known as Wonganella Barossa Valley Wines, and later Chateau Rosevale operated for over 90 years. After a period of closure, a group of friends, including Barry and Gabriela White, purchased the winery in 2000 and revitalized it, renaming it Gomersal Wines. They replanted vineyards with Shiraz, Mataro, and Grenache, continuing the tradition of winemaking in the Gomersal region. Gabby drew our attention to some framed wine labels from the past they had discovered.



Tasting the Gomersal reds commenced with the [2022 Gomersal Wines Barossa Valley Graciano](#)

Followed by the [2023 Gomersal Wines Premium Touriga Nacional](#), [2021 Gomersal Wines Lyndoch Road Cellar Door Shiraz Mataro](#), [2021 Gomersal Wines Lyndoch Road Cellar Door Grenache Shiraz Mataro](#) and the [2018 Gomersal Wines Estate Barossa Valley Shiraz](#).

Gaby and Aleesha took us through the tasting and Aleesha read out the current vintage report. Thanks to Simon and Dagmar for assisting with the pouring. The wine met with obvious approval from those present—as evidenced by the number of boxes of wine to be picked up by members at the end of the evening (the 50% discount



offered by Gomersal Wines would have helped also).

Following the tasting we transferred to the 'dining' tables where we enjoyed whole Fillet of Beef, cooked medium & served partly carved with caramelised onion sauce, Duck l'Orange style duck legs with white rice accompanied by crispy roasted potatoes and Baked butternut / carrot / parsnip / beet & zucchini with balsamic glaze. This was enjoyed with more of the Gomersal wines, including the [2021 Gomersal Wines Premium Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon](#) and the [2021 Gomersal Wines Reserve Shiraz](#). Desert was bread and butter pudding with ice-cream.



A highlight of the evening was a very large cake celebrating 45 years of the Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club. Nipper and Peter had the honour of cutting the first piece as they were foundation members of the Club. We all received a piece of the cake to take home and enjoy.



Following the cutting of the cake, John Ellis, one of our new committee members, had a few words to say and led the singing of 'Happy Birthday'.



The prizes were drawn by Aleesha and the winners were; Rita Coleman, Anthony Sharkey, Jenny Ruby, Gerry Raggio, Shirley Schmidt and Sandie Reggio.



John then did the thanks—to Malcolm Filsell and his team for the food and Gaby and Aleesha for a great presentation and evening. Next month we are back at home base with 'The Willows Vineyard' - a 'single vineyard' winery at Light Pass that has been home to the Scholz family since 1845.

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