

Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club



Christmas at Esilio with our partners

Our numbers were a bit down on the usual Christmas turnout, however the 55 people who attended had a most enjoyable time. We began the festivities with a welcome bubbly (an [Esilio NV Sparkling](#), click on the link for notes) with delicious nibbles of smoked salmon, salsa, beef and caramelised onion and curried egg bruschetta as well as smoked trout and fraiche and roasted butternut and caramelised rosti, while enjoying a warm evening in the grounds of the winery.

We then moved inside to commence our wine tasting and meal. Chief wine-maker Harry Mantzarapis discussed the welcome sparkling and introduced our first wine a [2024 'Against the Current' Sauvignon Blanc](#). While we savoured this Harry played a video that gave us more information regarding Esilio and its wines.



Wine number two was their [2025 'Tit for Tat' Sangiovese Rose](#). With it came our entré—shared platter servings of Salmon baked with lemon, parsley, dill and nuttelex; king prawns with avocado, mango salsa and butter lettuce salad; crispy chicken atop kimchi and white rice.

We then moved on to taste some reds, firstly the [2023 'Wild Goose Chase' Grenache](#), then a [2023 'Tooth and Nail' Sangiovese](#). Wine number five was their [2022 'Strange Land' Shiraz](#) and the final wine of the night was their [2022 'Into the Outer' Cabernet Sauvignon](#), Harry describing each wine as it was presented. With these we enjoyed our main course of shared platters of bbq beef fillet, duck breast cooked Peking style, roasted potato portions, roasted vegetables.

Our sweet tooths were sated by dessert platters of vanilla bean and strawberry panna cotta, creamed banana curd pies and Port wine jelly slice.

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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Esilio had donated three prizes and they were won by Ian Roark, Graeme Worsley and Wayne Fleming.



John Ellis presented Harry with our usual thankyou certificate.



The Committee Will be meeting in late December so look out for an email in January with our planned dinners for 2026. Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year—we hope to see you in January.

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