

# Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club

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## COMING UP

- ◆ **April:** Thorne Clark  
Wines CWA Hall  
Tanunda
- ◆ **May:** Schwarz  
Wines Tanunda  
Club

## 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 [btredwine-club@gmail.com](mailto:btredwine-club@gmail.com).

## Spot the Grange

31 attended the March event at the Tanunda Club. There were three guests: Chris Murphy, Ken Little and David Rushton.

Members met in the bar for a welcome wine and hot canapes. The welcome wine was an old favourite, the 2014 Kym Jenke Cabernet. We then adjourned to the President's Room for the dinner and the tasting.



John Ellis took on the role as

MC in the absence of Graeme Worsley who was imprisoned in Canberra for work.

John welcomed our guests and introduced fellow member Dan Eggleton who sourced and curated our wines for the night and set about to challenge us in spotting the Grange!

Dan, with his assistant Dave Rushton had deviously disguised the bottles using the two step security of alfoil wrapping and the Ben Murray winery tea towels. Dan had been asked to set up 5 wines other than the Grange that were similar in style but affordable. In his opening address Dan attributed the Grange to having raised the profile of Shiraz world wide because hitherto its footprint globally had been quite limited. For this we must remain ever thankful. He also believed that the 2021 vintage was perhaps the best since 1999 and that all of tonight's wines were from 2021.

As we proceeded through the wines it was apparent that they were all gutsy with deep dark colours and all very enjoyable.

After the sixth wine was put to the test it was then time to put our reputations as connoisseurs to the test. Out of all of us only ten were able to pick the Grange. The master connoisseurs were: Peter, Jenny Ruby, (without tasting one red!) John Ruby, Rory, Allan Duthie, Mark Kerrigan, Gerry Raggio, Simon Granfield and Steve Blee . After a robust Heads and tails quiz Rory eventually took the prize!

## Spot the Grange Continued

The other 5 wines were:

**The 2021 Laughing Jack Block 6 Moppa Hill Shiraz** (4 of us thought this was the Grange)

**The 2021 Tin Shed Wines Single Wire Shiraz** (2 of us thought this was the Grange)

**The 2021 Lost, Penny Wines Almond Row Shiraz** (nobody mistook this for the Grange)

**The 2021 Anarchy Wines "The Protagonist" Shiraz** (8 of us thought this was the Grange)

**The 2021 Ben Murray Wines Barossa Shiraz** (7 of us thought this was the Grange)

[Detailed Tasting Notes can be found by clicking here](#)



## Spot the Grange continued

Our meals arrived perfectly timed and accurately delivered as members were not required to remember what they had ordered an hour prior. We had been given a choice of 3 dishes: Pan seared Barramundi, Basil Pesto Chicken Pasta or 400 gram Grain Fed T-Bone and they were all delicious.



Following Dinner it was time for John Ellis armed with a few more Dad Jokes to conduct the raffle. Prize Winners were: John Ellis, ( the ensuing protest was not upheld) Chris Murphy and Peter Boehm .



## Spot The Grange Continued

Laurie Rundle then served the Port in what was to be his swan song as “Keeper of The Port.” We thank Laurie for keeping us so well lubricated for the last couple of years. Peter then conducted an appeal for a new “Keeper of the Port” and through some rather dubious electoral manoeuvrings Rory Chisholm has now accepted this most important role albeit with the threat that he may be required to conduct numerous quality testings of the Port as it lives in his cellar.



### Special Port Offer to Members and Guests

You have enjoyed the Club’s keg offering at Home Events, remember that members are offered the opportunity to enjoy it at home too. Our keg contains a base of Burge Family Port and is now being topped up with Kies premium range. On offer is an opportunity to purchase 5 litre quantities of this bottle quality aged Port taken from the club keg. Whether you choose to augment your own keg or bottle it yourself, (5 litres will fill 7 bottles) this is an opportunity to enjoy at home what you enjoy at the club! Member’s price for this is \$50 for 5 litres while non-members can get in on the act too for \$75 for 5 litres. Email the club for a purchase order, pay on line, advise Kies of your impending arrival and collect your Port in your own container or one provided by the winery.

### Special Offer for new guests

Don’t forget that first time guests at Home Base (either Tanunda Club or the Tanunda CWA Hall) are only charged \$40. If you have a friend who may be interested in joining us this is an excellent way of checking us out for a great price.

### New Members

We are always on the look out for new members and we ask all of you to take this in hand if you want the club to continue to go on.

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