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## Bruce Thiele Red Wine Club



### 36th Birthday at Kies

It was one of those nights you could have easily stayed home. As Rex gunned the Captiva up to 60 in the 90 zone on the Gawler Lyndoch Road, the rain was belting down and the three of us peered out into the dark night struggling to see the bitumen, let alone the line markings on the road. Water everywhere. The impatient driver who raced past on the overtaking lane soon slowed down and stayed in sight for the rest of the trip. After what seemed an eternity we found the drive way to Kies, parked the car and raced inside through the heavy rain. Three hours later we left, cartons under our arms, smiling faces. Three happy chappies. Why would you even briefly consider missing a night like this? Even the rain had gone for the drive home.



### Coming Up

- ♦ *August Away at Yelland & Papps*
- ♦ *September Away at Tscharke's*
- ♦ *October Away at Veritas with Rolf Binder*
- ♦ *November Bruce Thiele Commemoration Night at Home: Pinots with Rick Burge*
- ♦ *December Xmas at Jacob's Creek with wives and Partners*

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## 36th Birthday at Kies (Cont.)

The Clubs 36<sup>th</sup> birthday meeting held at Kies Winery was another resounding success. Upon arrival we were greeted by Tina and Kate in The Monkey Nut Café. Pre dinner drinks were a choice of either 2014 Hill Block Riesling or Monkey Nut Sparkling Merlot. Once we had all arrived the starters of Coffin Bay Oysters, both Natural and Kilpatrick, along with Grilled Prawn skewers were all served. Sitting down for dinner we were served as our entrée a Monkey Nut platter for one. Almost a meal within itself, the platter has local gourmet meats, cheeses, antipasto, dips and crackers. The platter was complimented with Kies' 2012 Chaff Mill Cabinet Sauvignon.

Peter introduced Rory Chisolm's guest Brian MacLachlan to the group. A comment that it had only taken Rory taken 30 odd years for Rory to find a friend raised a large amount of laughter, including Rory. The Monkey Nut Platter would make an ideal light lunch during a future visit to Kies.

Dinner was Dijon Mustard crusted roast beef with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables topped with a superb red wine gravy.



## 36th Birthday at Kies cont'd



The accompanying wine was Kies' 2014 Dedication Shiraz. The flagship wine in Kies range The Dedication is a superb Shiraz and complimented our roast perfectly.

As we finished eating and the noise of members enjoying themselves increased we arranged for Tina to draw the door prize raffle with three Kies products donated as prizes. The prizes were won by George Akkeman (apologies George if this is wrong), John Wright and Brian MacLaughlan. It is amazing how often a first time guest seems to win a door prize. It is definitely not rigged, but, it does no harm, occasionally sucking them in to becoming a member, only to find Rex Way wins most of the prizes. For those who didn't notice, when John's number was drawn two tickets came out, Tina took the top number as the winner, the second number? Who else but not so lucky this time Rex!



Tina took the opportunity to also announce a 20% discount for purchases made on the night. Warm applause all round.

Just as Peter had finished announcing to the members that he had made possibly the first mistake in his life and had confused Tina as to supply of the birthday cake, that unfortunately there would not be a cake, miraculously from the kitchen appeared a cake (made while we were dining) completed with candle, Happy birthday sung with much gusto by all. Perfect timing, draw the confession and then save the day. Kies' white Muscat was served to compliment the cake.

A request to Tina for a Bruce story was handballed to Nipper who spoke for some time about the earlier days with Bruce as young man in the Barossa. We were all riveted by Nippers recollections, perhaps more for another night.



Tina then introduced the kitchen staff and they were roundly applauded by the membership. Another fantastic night. Thanks to Tina and the professional staff at Kies.



Full details on the Kies range are available on [kieswines.com.au](http://kieswines.com.au). For those who like to make a return visit with their partner the Monkey Nut Café

