

AMATEUR WINEMAKERS AND BREWERS CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC.



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Next Meeting: **Tuesday May 7th 2024 Newsletter**
AGM Edition



When: Meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month from **8.00 pm start – 10:30pm finish (no early arrivals)**
Where: Clarence Park Community Centre, corner of East Ave & Canterbury Terrace, Black Forest.
How: Check out our website Adelaide Ferment: <http://awbca.org.au> for our Calendar and photos and lots of information

Please bring your wines/beers to share for others to taste and comment and discuss with others how you made them, problems you had, or where you purchased them from and price you paid etc...a great chance to chat about anything wine and beer (and food too if you wish).
Join us to taste our beers and wines and enjoy them with a small supper

Competitions & Supper this Month – May 2024

Wine Competition:

Aged Dry Red Wines (4+ Years Old)

Judges: Scott Heidrich & Dan Traucki



Beer Competition:

Ales (no Dark Ales)

Supper: Cheese Platter

Undoubtedly French

Organised by Robyn & Walter Dollman



Please email the wine convener; 2 days prior to the event with details of your entry so a speedy start to judging can begin.

Competition Winners for April 2024

Wine Results: Emerging Varieties (Red Wines);

Judge: Dan Traucki & Gavin Pennell: 19 Entries (*pretty good effort*)

- 1st Michael Lineage Syndicate – Score 19.0 Points – 2021 Montepulciano;
- 2nd Prospect Hill Syndicate – Score 18.0 Points – 2019 Petit Verdot;
- 3rd Jane Boroky – Score 17.0 Points – 2023 Mataro.

Wine Results: Emerging Varieties (White Wines);

Judge: Dan Traucki & Gavin Pennell: 4 Entries (*better than last year*)

- 1st Peter Tilsley & Jerome Munchenberg Syndicate – Score 16.5 Points – 2023 Fiano;
- 2nd Domenic Facciarusso- Prospect Hill Syndicate – Score 15.5 Points – 2023 Fiano
- 3rd Jane Boroky – Score 15.0 Points – 2023 Fiano.

Don't Forget, bring your Own Glass – please

To allow more time for tasting of the competition winners, we request bringing your own tasting glass.

This is working out better!!



Diary Dates: Keep these dates free
1st Tuesday in month - Club meeting

NEXT MEETING or date to remember

- 7th May Meeting – AGM
- 26th May Apple Crush – 9 am start
- 4th June Meeting
- 3rd July Meeting
- 6th August Meeting
- ?? August Bus Trip (Adelaide Hills)

Apple Crush – Sunday 26th May

Cutoff date for apple juice orders is: 19th May, just 1 week prior. \$1.00 Litre payable on the day.

Contact Michael Lineage: mclineage@bigpond.com / Mob 0415 604 788

Where: Anytime from 9 am onwards; Tregarthen Road; Summertown
(About 200 metres from the Summertown Road)



BYO BBQ food / lunch and drinks and a chair.

Feel welcome to invite your friends to join together Adelaide Ferment and Blackwood Wine Clubs for an enjoyable day.

Great day of fun for the whole family; buy your apple juice (watch it being crushed, then pressed); sit around a bonfire and share wines / beers and perhaps share / taste home-made specialities brought by members.

If you need a good recipe to make a cider: See Peter T.

Calling ALL Trophy Winners

The Club is looking to retrieve trophies back from members in the upcoming months in preparation for the new winners. **Perpetual Trophies to be returned by the May (AGM) meeting!**

Annual Subscriptions:
\$30 for members (\$25 concession card).

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**The Amateur Winemakers and Brewers
Club of Adelaide Inc.**

The Annual Membership for the 2024-2025 period has been approved NOT to increase and remains @ \$30 – Best Value out there!

Fees become due and payable at the AGM conclusion.

All positions become vacant at the AGM

Please consider participating in a position or assisting with one of these positions

The Amateur Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide – Duties of Officers

THE PRESIDENT

1. Responsible for the overall leadership of the Club
2. Ambassador for the Club and to represent the Club at all official functions
3. Promote all aspects of beer and wine
4. Chair both Club and Committee Meetings and officiate at Club functions
5. Develop agenda items, liaise with the Secretary and check minutes of meetings
6. Present the President's report at the AGM
7. Maintain contact with Club members, and manage issues or complaints raised
8. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
9. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

THE SECRETARY

1. Receive and deal with Club correspondence including membership enquiries
2. Supply potential members with a Membership Application Form
3. Receive applications for membership and place them before the Committee for approval.
4. Maintain a current list of Members names and contact details
5. Prepare Agendas for Club and Committee Meetings, working closely with the President
6. Record Minutes of Club and Committee meetings, and distribute them following approval by the President
7. Produce copies of those Minutes upon request
8. Record the attendance of Members at Club and Committee meetings
9. Advise members of the AGM and any Special General Meetings
10. Send a renewal notice to lapsed (non-financial) members two months after the AGM
11. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
12. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

THE TREASURER

1. Keep financial records of Club income, expenses, money banked, and balance of accounts
2. Receipt and bank Club income including membership fees
3. Pay accounts on behalf of the Club
4. Prepare and report financial statements as required by the Committee
5. Recommend financial management decisions, and ensure that Club monies are invested as the Committee instructs
6. Ensure sufficient signatories (including online signatories) to maintain the operation of bank accounts
7. Arrange for the accounts to be audited if required
8. Maintain adequate insurance policies on Club assets
9. Prepare an annual financial report of receipts, expenditure, and assets, and present such report at the Annual General Meeting
10. Recommend the membership fee for the following financial year
11. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
12. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

1. Publish the Club newsletter monthly excluding January
2. Acquire suitable content for publication in line with the Objects of the Club
3. Report the results of Club wine and beer competitions, and the annual awards
4. List Committee Members contact details, dates of Club meetings, and other relevant information as determined by the Committee
5. Highlight Club events, functions, speakers and news
6. Promote the public image and fellowship of the Club by including articles of interest, images, and links supporting amateur beer and wine making
7. Feature the Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show (ANAWBS) and its sponsors as required
8. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
9. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

THE DIGITAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

1. Manage Club digital assets including website, mailing list/s, social media and email forwarding service
2. Promote the public image and fellowship of the Club by including articles of interest, images, and links supporting amateur beer and wine making on the website and social media
3. Highlight Club events, functions, speakers and news
4. Feature the Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show (ANAWBS) and its sponsors as required
5. Report website visitor statistics, mailing list subscriber numbers and social media activity to the Committee
6. Update the website as required, maintain currency of the mailing list and email forwarding, and post regularly on social media
7. Arrange domain name registration and web site hosting
8. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
9. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

THE WINE CONVENOR

1. Responsible for the overall management of Club wine competitions
2. Source suitable judges for Club wine competitions
3. Set out the wines to be judged with glasses, score sheets, spittoons etc
4. Collate entries, and record the results of the competition
5. Report the competition results to the Secretary and Newsletter Editor
6. Organise medals for competition winners
7. Keep records of all perpetual trophies and who currently holds them
8. Organise for perpetual trophies to be returned at the end of the Club year and arrange engraving prior to the presentation day
9. Report the competition summary to the Newsletter Editor at the end of the Club year
10. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
11. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

THE BEER CONVENOR

1. Responsible for the overall management of Club beer competitions
2. Source suitable judges for Club beer competitions
3. Set out the beers to be judged with glasses, score sheets, spittoons etc.
4. Collate entries, and record the results of the competition
5. Report the competition results to the Secretary and Newsletter Editor
6. Report the competition summary to the Newsletter Editor at the end of the Club year
7. As a Committee member, formulate and be responsible for Club policy and management
8. Carry out such other duties as required by the Committee.

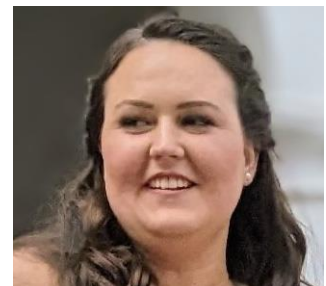
Did you consider?

What else is happening.....?

Delamere Vineyards (A Tasmanian Vintage)

A Sparkling Wine tasting & presentation by
Sophie Papageorgiou

Close planted, on the side of a steep freezing cold hill, Delamere is a vineyard that demands to be managed 100% by hand.



4 South Australian wineries named in Australian top 10

An article written by [Emily Jarvis](#)

Four South Australian wineries have been named amongst Australia's 10 Top Wineries for 2024 according to The Real Review. The new rankings follow a rigorous tasting process of over 10,000 wines throughout the year, assessed by a panel of Australian critics.

Henschke (#2), Penfolds (#4), Seppeltsfield (#6), and Hentley Farm (#9) all made the cut for the top ten. The state also witnessed significant advancements from wineries such as Yalumba, Dandelion Vineyards, and Hickenbotham. South Australian wineries showcased exceptional performance, constituting over 38.1% of the 394-wineries list. Barossa Valley emerged as a standout within the state, boasting ten producers within the top 52, along with seven from neighbouring McLaren Vale.

“Barossa remains the powerhouse of Australian wine, with ten producers securing spots in the top 50 alone. Despite its comparatively smaller vineyard area, Barossa stands out for its plethora of wineries, recognition, and tourist appeal, particularly renowned for its bold reds. This year’s list not only celebrates established names like Seppeltsfield, Rockford, and Torbreck but also shines a light on emerging talents like Eisenstone, Hentley Farm, and John Duval Wines,” remarked Huon Hooke, Principal Wine Writer and prominent Australian wine critic at The Real Review.

The annual release of The Real Review Top Wineries of Australia aims to commend excellence in Australian winemaking. Rankings are determined through a proprietary algorithm, considering the ratings and recent reviews by The Real Review’s panel of leading critics over a two-year period. Each year, the producers receive a prestigious Top Wineries Certificate, acknowledging their position among the nation’s finest.

In 2024, a total of 394 producers were awarded the Top Wineries Certificate, representing approximately 16% of Australia’s wineries. The complete list of The Real Review Top Wineries of Australia 2024 is available on their website.

HENSCHKE (#2)

In the serene Eden Valley lies the Henschke family’s estate, renowned for producing outstanding Shiraz and Riesling wines. The vineyard boasts some of Australia’s oldest and most cherished vineyards, including the legendary Hill of Grace and Mount Edelstone.



PENFOLDS MAGILL ESTATE (#4)

Steeped in history, Penfolds Magill Estate is one of Australia’s oldest wineries, founded in 1844 by a British couple who emigrated from Brighton to Adelaide. The vineyard has played a pivotal role in shaping the Australian wine industry, especially with its acclaimed ‘Grange’ line. The ‘Grange’ wines, created in the 1950s, have become synonymous with fine New World reds and gained South Australian Heritage Icon status.



Visitors to the Magill Estate can explore the original vineyards, dine at the Magill Restaurant, and taste a selection of wines, including the revered ‘Grange’ blend. The estate also offers the ‘Ultimate Penfolds Experience,’ a comprehensive journey through the history and philosophy behind their winemaking.

Penfolds continues to innovate, with recent collaborations reaching international markets and a series of ‘Superblends’ ready to take the wine world by storm.

SEPPELTSFIELD (#6)

Established in the Barossa Valley just 15 years after the European settlement of South Australia, Seppeltsfield holds a significant place in the history of Australian winemaking.

The vineyard’s legacy dates back to the mid-19th century when Joseph Seppelt, an emigrant from Silesia, purchased the land and focused on grape growing and winemaking. Today, under the custodianship of proprietor Warren Randall, Seppeltsfield remains a true national treasure. The estate’s Centennial Collection, featuring an unbroken lineage of Tawny wines from every vintage since 1878, is a remarkable achievement.

Moreover, the recommissioning of the 1888 Gravity Cellar has reinvigorated the vineyard’s prowess in crafting still wines.

Alongside its winemaking endeavours, Seppeltsfield has fostered a sense of community, welcoming a diverse range of offerings like restaurants, galleries, and craft studios, making it a vibrant cultural destination.



HENTLEY FARM (#9)

Hentley Farm is recognised as one of the most successful wineries, and a recipient of numerous medals, trophies and accolades. Located in the Hills of the Barossa Valley, the single-estate boutique winery has been a go-to for those for a finer drop. Established in 1997 by Keith and Alison Henschke, they had a vision to craft exceptional single estate wines from the Barossa Valley.

In 2004, Hentley Farm expanded its estate by acquiring a neighbouring vineyard that boasted the same cherished natural amphitheatre of rolling hills enveloping Hentley Farm. This acquisition enriched the diversity of the site, consolidating the entirety of the estate to 150 acres under the name Hentley Farm.

