

AMATEUR WINEMAKERS AND BREWERS CLUB OF ADELAIDE INC.



PATRON: SCOTT HEIDRICH



Next Meeting: **Tuesday May 6th 2025 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 2025

Wine Competition:

Aged Dry Red Wines (4+ Years Old)



Judge: Stephen Bennett

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

Beer Competition: None

Supper: Pizza

Organised by The Club



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 a role or supporting a committee position?

Competition Winners for April 2025

Wine Results: Emerging Varieties (Red Wines);

Judge: Dan Traucki & Scott Heidrich: 20 Entries (*pretty good effort*)

- 1st Peter Tilsley – Score 18.0 Points – 2024 Montepulciano;
2nd Gavin Pennell – Score 17.75 Points – 2023 Saperavi 1;
3rd Sandy Matz & Gavin Pennell Syndicate – Score 17.5 Points – 2020 Montepulciano.



Wine Results: Emerging Varieties (White Wines);

Judge: Dan Traucki & Scott Heidrich: 2 Entries

- 1st Peter Tilsley & Jerome Munchenberg Syndicate – Score 15.25 Points – 2023 Fiano;
2nd Gavin Pennell – Score 14.75 Points – 2023 Fiano
3rd Not Awarded.

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

- 6th May Meeting (AGM)
- 18th May Apple Crush (week after Mother's Day)
- 3rd June Meeting
- 1st July Meeting
- 5th August Meeting (Cake-off Competition)

Apple Crush – Sunday 18th May

Cutoff date for apple juice orders is: 11th 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.





A Bonfire should never be missed!
Great day of fun for the whole family.
This is one of those very few occasions where you get to feel the heat of a real fire.
This is where you buy your apple juice (watch it being crushed, then pressed); sit around the fire, share wines / beers and perhaps share / taste home-made specialities brought by members.



If you need a recipe to make a good cider: See April's 25 Newsletter.

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!**

Return at the very latest - June meeting – please?

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 next period has been approved NOT to increase and remains @ \$30 – Best Value out there!

Fees become due and payable at the AGM conclusion.

In the red: global wine sales fall to lowest levels since 1961 (From "The Guardian" under Open Licence Terms)

Consumption and production falls in almost every market as industry fears a 'generational' change in drinking habits

Worldwide consumption of wine fell in 2024 to its lowest level in more than 60 years, the main trade body has said, raising concerns about new risks from US tariffs.

The International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) said on Tuesday that 2024 sales fell 3.3% from the previous year to 214.2m hectolitres.



The OIV, whose report was based on government figures, said this would be the lowest sales figure since 1961, when sales were 213.6m hectolitres.

Production is also at its lowest level in more than 60 years, having fallen 4.8% in 2024 to 225.8m hectolitres.

The OIV's statistics chief, Giorgio Delgrosso, said the wine industry had been hit by a perfect storm as health concerns drive down consumption in many countries and economic factors added to troubles.

"Beyond the short-term economic and geopolitical disruptions, it is important to consider the structural, long-term factors also contributing to the observed decline in wine consumption" the IOV's annual report said.

The OIV said the consumer was now paying about 30% more for a bottle now than in 2019-20 and overall consumption had fallen by 12% since then.

In the United States, the world's top wine market, consumption fell 5.8% to 33.3m hectolitres. Tariffs ordered by the US president; Donald Trump could become "another bomb" for the wine industry.

Sales in China remain below pre-Covid levels. In Europe, which accounts for nearly half of worldwide sales, consumption fell 2.8% last year. In France, one of the key global producers, 3.6% less wine was consumed last year. Spain and Portugal were among the rare markets where consumption increased.

Production had been hit by environmental extremes such as above-average rainfall in some regions and droughts in others. Italy was the world's top producer with 44m hectolitres, while France's output fell 23% to 36.1m hectolitres, its lowest level since 1957.

Italy is also the biggest wine exporter and its trade increased because of the popularity of sparkling wines such as prosecco. Spain produced 31m hectolitres, while US wine output fell 17.2% to 21.1m hectolitres, mainly because of extreme heat. The OIV could not predict if consumption would take off again and industry players, come French wine shops believe there is a "generational" fall in drinking. "People do not drink in a festive way anymore and young people consume less than their parents," the company said in a statement to Agence France-Presse.

However, "people drink less, but better", they said, and so are ready to spend more.