



# PHOENIX C.C. WINE APPRECIATION CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

### Degustation Dinner:

Our third Degustation Dinner at the Preview Restaurant was just as delectable as the first two.



Our menu:

Freshly shucked Oyster with finger lime granita, accompanied by a 2023 H.V. Intuition Sparkling Brut Chardonnay.

Heirloom tomato and smoked whipped feta crostini with basil, balsamic glaze and rocket flowers, with a 2025 Intuition H.V. Rose.

Ricotta, pumpkin and chive raviolo, burnt sage butter, crispy prosciutto, parmesan crumb nasturtium, with a 2023 H.V. Intuition Chardonnay.

Crispy skin barramundi green curry, coconut and master stock infused rice, charred citrus, fresh herbs, pickled onion, with a 2022 Intuition H.V. Verdelho.



Flourless chocolate torte, coconut sorbet, fresh raspberries and toasted coconut chips with the magical Intuition "Dragons Mirage" Fortified Verdelho. And a Rosella geranium praline to finish.

*Left: - One of our lovely waiters.*

Once again, the raviolo was my favourite course. So many different flavours and textures. My favourite wine was probably the Sparkling Brut Chardonnay. And then perhaps the 2023 HV Chardonnay. How's that for an ABC gal!

With so many of our members currently travelling, our attendance was a lot smaller this time. However, I am reliably informed that those who were unable to attend are avidly looking forward to the next one.

All in all, another thoroughly enjoyable evening. The youngsters did themselves proud - again.

### June Tasting Event:

With President Rod attending a wedding in Brissy, David B, Fraser, Graham, Nathan and Noel, volunteered to fill in for him, resulting in our:

### Members' Selection Night.



*David, Nathan, Fraser, Noel and Graham  
Talk about a rogues gallery!*

David led off with his Aravina Estate The A Collection Chenin Blanc 2024, followed by Nathan with a 2025 Torbreck Cuvee Juveniles Blanc.

Then Noel with his 2021 Capercaillie Hunter Valley Verdelho. We then returned to David for his NV Callipari Ned Kelly Red Spritzer Heavy Long Neck.

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Graham presented his 2025 Sangiovese from Angullong Vineyard, Orange before Fraser and his South Australian Quarisa Q Malbec.

Graham then took us out with a 2023 Limited Release Shiraz from the Sweetwater Vineyard, Hunter Valley ... or so we thought ... but Nathan had a surprise up his sleeve for us. And what a surprise it was! The Beresford 2023 International Wine Challenge Champion Shiraz from McLaren Vale., donated by Oldfield Cellars. How lucky were we!

We were thrilled with our first Members' Selection Night. Lovely wines, informative presentations and a great atmosphere.

### Christmas in July:

Our Anniversary Celebration is shaping up well. Free for members (and their partners) as a thank you for your ongoing support, so no visitors that night. RSVP is due July 2 at the latest. Prospective new members should join prior to July 2. Please let me know your contribution asap. We need to fine tune the menu over the coming weeks.

Prospective attendees will no doubt be pleased to know that we snavelled the two bottles of Mercer wine, donated by Graham, for this function.

### Membership Subscription Now Due:

Existing Members will need to have renewed by July 2 to attend the Anniversary event. It is super easy to do through our website, and you will receive plenty of reminders in the meantime.

### August Tasting:

We are delighted that Hunter Valley winery, Capercaillie, will be presenting to us in August. A milestone event for Phoenix.

Capercaillie volunteered to conduct the tasting for us at absolutely no charge, which is generous in the extreme. It is usual for wineries to charge for both wines and per head for the tasting.

Noel presented a Capercaillie Verdelho at the Members' Selection Night, which was well received.

We hope to have other wineries eventually, too.

Wines can be ordered on the night if you fancy them, but there is no obligation to buy.

### Prizes:

So many prizes at our June event, it was impossible to keep track! Julie took out the Lucky Door Prize, and with so many donations, most members left with something, even if only an inch or two of leftover tasting wine. Smiles all 'round again.

### New Members:



Welcome to our three new members.

Michael, who has been attending as a visitor for a while, and Claude and Jerome. We hope you enjoy our Phoenix and our Aussie wines.

### RSVP's

RSVP stands for *répondez s'il vous plaît*, a French phrase that literally translates to "please respond".

So, a **YES OR A NO** response to any invitation, including the monthly tastings would be wonderful, please. Even a MAYBE is better than nothing.

Many people reply every single time, but if you haven't been ... it would certainly cut down on the amount of hassling I need to do. I don't need a reason if you can't come - just an answer. It is a numbers game.

Thank you, everyone, for your ongoing support.

Hope to see as many as possible in July for our Anniversary Dinner.

- R.E.N.