



PHOENIX C.C. WINE APPRECIATION CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Fourth Event:

Hey! What a great night! Rod was at his shining best and took us through an Introduction to Wine Styles.



This month, his Notes were distributed prior to the tasting – great idea, Gwynneth – which enabled us to swat up on the reasons why a particular wine might either appeal, or not appeal, to us as individuals before trying to put it into practice.

This was proven rather dramatically with the introduction of an “amber” wine. A first for me and most others in the room. Seems its appeal was limited to only one person. Everyone else decided in really wasn’t for them.

Rod then encouraged us to break up into small groups and discuss each wine style as it was introduced.

The famous scent vials made another appearance as did an Aroma Wheel, which I found fascinating. I want one! Seems they are available – ask Google - or you can download a free PDF, which will do me nicely.



Our Raffle:

Members were again very supportive of our raffle, for which we can’t thank you enough. This month it was taken out by Cathy Tait who chose the Shiraz, which would have been my choice, too.

The Lucky Door Prize this month went to Fraser – who chose the Argentinean Malbec, which he tells me was “very noice, too”.

Rod then drew another Raffle Prize and Gwynneth went home with several quarter bottles of wine left over from the tasting.

November 14 Meeting:

Not sure what Rod has in mind for us for November, but I will let you know by email.

Christmas Function:

We are considering three options:

1. BYO Supper. Six members to introduce a preferred wine. Cost \$15.00
2. BYO Supper. Rod to present tasting of wines suitable for Christmas Fare. Cost \$15.000
3. BYO Restaurant where so we can supply our own wine. Cost to be advised.



What I do know is that Fraser will be speaking with us in November, to solicit some feedback. Please be prepared to let him know what you like and don't like about Phoenix, what you would like to do for our Christmas Function, and generally, and anything else that you feel will be of benefit.

You Committee is totally committed to 100% transparency and seeking interaction from our Members. We are particularly interested to hear how you think we could increase our

Membership base, so please come along armed with lots of ideas.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 7 to rsvppccwac@gmail.com

Pre-Payment:

We remind you that RSVP and pre-payment are vital for each event. Our Banking details Phoenix C.C. Wine Appreciation Club BSB 032527 Acc. No. 349176 are also on our website, along with the RSVP email address.

Rod's Survey:

Have you completed this yet? You don't need to be a member to do so, but it would be helpful to us if you let us know if you are, using the final field to note "member". The information will assist us to provide the type of events that are of the most interest to you - our Members and Friends.

Publicity:

The publicity I mentioned last month was picked up and run by Central Coast Community News. You can see the article here: <https://coastcommunitynews.com.au/central-coast/news/2025/09/appreciating-fine-wine/>

Future Events:

Wine Club Meeting:

November Meeting
Thursday, November 14.
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Coming up sometime in the future:

Adelaide Hills Gruner Veltliner tasting.
Aussie Newcomers
Christmas Special
Identifying Wine Styles - The next step.

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