



BWBC

Sparkling Night

news

November 2014

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.



Ed Carr Group Sparkling Winemaker Accolade Wines

Ed Carr is Australia's most decorated sparkling winemaker with 37 years experience in the Australian wine industry - 27 of these

involved with sparkling wine production.

Ed began his career in 1977 with the Wynn Wine Growers Group as a Microbiologist, based at the Glenloth winery in Reynella. He was appointed Assistant Winemaker in 1984. In 1986, Ed relocated to Nuriootpa and was appointed the Seaview Sparkling winemaker, managing the on-site Traditional Method Cellars in the Barossa Valley, and advancing to the position of Group Sparkling Winemaker in 1988. Ed remained in the Barossa Valley until his move to BRL Hardy (now Accolade wines) in 1994, where he continues as Group Sparkling Winemaker.

When joining Accolade Wines in 1994, Ed's brief was to establish the company as Australia's leading sparkling wine producer with a portfolio of products that covered all market segments from the best expression of cold climate sparkling to affordable commercial styles.

This gave Ed the opportunity to create his own "house" style across a broad range of diverse regional and branded products.

In the seventeen years since joining the group, Ed's results are showing his foresight and extraordinary talent with sparkling wine.

Over recent years in Australian capital city wine shows, Ed's wines have won an unprecedented 21 consecutive

"Best Sparkling Wine of Show" trophies.

Since 1994, Ed and his sparkling winemaking team have collected over 120 trophies, and over 2,300 awards on the wine show circuit.

In February 2005, Ed was awarded the Graham Thorp Memorial Scholarship at the Royal Sydney Royal Wine Show. This recognises the winemaker of the Best Sparkling White Wine in Show and grants them an all-expenses paid trip to work at the internationally-renowned House of Bollinger, France, during vintage for two weeks.

More recently in 2011, Ed was awarded the impressive title of 'Winemaker of the Year' at the prestigious Gourmet Traveller WINE magazine awards. Judging for this concentrates on individuals whose hard work, commitment, individuality and inspiration has recently resulted in creating exceptional, world-class wines.

Ed and his team are now responsible for a range of wines, from the cold climate premium and prestige cuvées through to the popular labels such as Omni, Hardys Sir James and Banrock Station.

It was Ed's foresight and firm belief in the potential of Tasmania as Australia's best sparkling fruit resource that was the driving force behind the company's 1995 decision to produce Tasmanian prestige cuvée, evolving into the House of Arras range. December 2002 marked the exciting release of the 1998 Arras - the first vintage made from 100% Tasmanian fruit.

Under Ed's guidance, Tasmania's potential was realised, and in 2001 Accolade Wines (formerly Hardy Wine Company) established the Bay of Fires winery for the production of premium cold climate sparkling and table wines. Ed firmly believes that the stand-out Australian regions for premium sparkling are Tasmania and the Upper Yarra Valley - and the premium end of the Australian industry has the potential to rival many non-vintage, and some vintage Champagnes.

From - www.houseofarras.com.au

Next Meeting Wednesday November 19th 7.30pm

Speaker

Ed Carr, Group Sparkling Winemaker, Accolade Wines

Competition

Current vintage red and white wine

Judges - Scott Heidrich, Geoff Merrill Wines & Brendan Schmook, Wine Consultant



Wine Bottling

About sixty members helped with the annual bottling held at Serafino Winery McLaren Vale.

The day was a great club day. We finished the mammoth task of filling, labelling and packaging the 3500 litres of wine before lunch, in a record setting time. It was a great venue, the staff and management of Serafino Wines were great hosts. We have 54 doz Cab Sav and 19 doz Shiraz left for sale. If you would like to order some please contact Steve Potiuch Ph 8278 5718 or mobile 0412 693 394. The club would like to clear the wine before Christmas so please promote it to friends and colleagues.



Quality Control



Bottling



Packaging

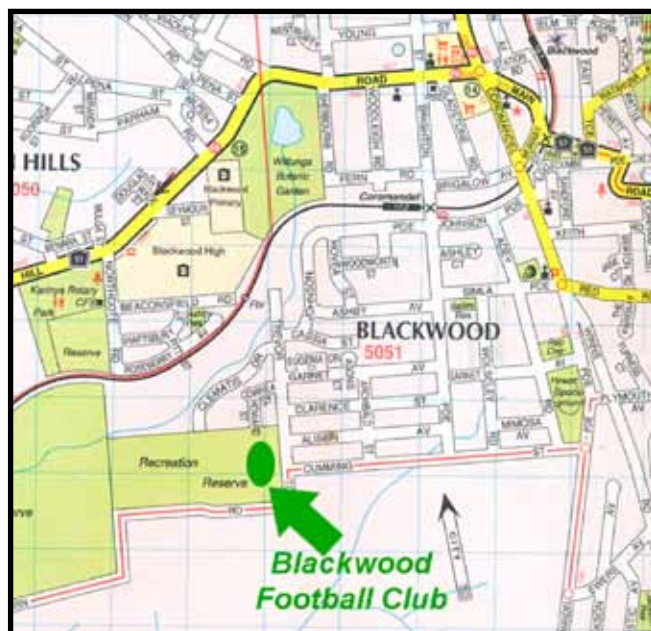
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BWBC 2014 Presentation Day and Christmas Lunch

Sunday 7th December 12 noon start
Blackwood Football Club
Trevor Terrace Blackwood

Members with surname A-M please bring a sweet to share, N-Z please bring a salad to share. The club will be providing meats etc. Members are asked to bring along some of their wine. It's a great opportunity to let others taste your wine and get their comments.

Please book with Steve ph 8278 5718 at the November meeting so we can finalise the catering and also obtain your ticket for the lucky door prize to be drawn on the day.



BWBC Trophies

It's that time of the year again when we need to gather all the club trophies together and prepare them for the 2014 winners. The presentation day will be at our Christmas function on December 7th. If you were lucky enough to be awarded a trophy last year, could you please return it to the committee at the next meeting.

Presentation Day Slide Show

If you have any photos of club activity during 2014 and would like them to be included in the presentation slide show please contact David Tulloch or email them to davidt@internode.on.net. asap.



Anawbs 2014

The ANAWBS competition for 2014 is over and again resulted in an outstanding professionally run show by the hard working committee. This year there were a total of 602 entries (beer and Wine), 78 more than 2013.

This year one of our many volunteer judges was Dan Traucki, from Wine Assist. His company offers a wide range of advice and assistance with exporting, export documentation, label and brand development, wine education and promotion.

In his weekly on line blog on October 10th Dan wrote about his experiences as a wine judge at ANAWBS



“Excellently organised, with around 300 entries in the 24 classes - mainly by variety, wine industry professionals as judges and conducted at the sensory evaluation lab on the Waite Campus of Adelaide University - this was a real eye opener for me. I had judged amateur wines before for one of the Adelaide based clubs and the wines had been a rather hit-and-miss affair, however, this time I was very impressed with the wine entries. “

Dan was paired with Allira Naulty from Grant Burge Wines, and together they judged several classes including Chardonnay, Merlot and the older Cabernet and Shiraz classes.

“Next we moved on to judge the 23 entries, in the 2013 or older Cabernet Class, with a similar result - one or two oxidised wines, a couple of entries that were unbalanced but there were also some elegant and well balanced wines, with the top wine having a beautiful hint of fruit sweetness and a silky texture that would allow it to stand in the \$20-\$30 a bottle retail shelf quite comfortably. Again, I would quite happily enjoy this wine with a meal anytime (expect maybe breakfast - where I think that the Cabernet would swamp the Special K).”

Another comment he made about ANAWBS presentation day in his blog on October 3rd was

“If you get the chance I would encourage you to go along and try the award winning wines as many of the ones I tasted put some ‘commercial’ wines to shame.”

Dans blog can be down loaded from his web site www.wineassist.com.au . It is published every Friday and makes very interesting reading. You can even subscribe.



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Speaker Program 2014

Nov 19 - Ed Carr - Sparkling Winemaker Accolade Wines

Richard Blake, our speaker co-ordinator, is currently working on a great 2015 speaker program. Details in the new year.

Labels for your next bottling

The club has a label printer to produce custom made labels either on a roll (black and white only) or colour labels on a sheet for hand application. Please contact David Tulloch for details. A least two weeks notice is required.

Members' Tasting Table

An area will be set up at each meeting for members to display their wine for tasting, pour out samples and talk to members about their wine. The committee will trial this system to allow more interaction between the wine-makers /beermakers and the club members. If you are interested in being part of this tasting area please see the co-ordinators, John Callas or Des Williams, on arrival at the meeting.

The club will still have other wine for tasting at meetings on a separate table.



You can transfer payments for Wine purchase, Club fees, Social activity fees and other payments directly to the

BWBC bank account.

Bank - Westpac Blackwood

BSB - 035-082 Account Number - 145202

Account Name - Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club inc.

Make sure you include your name and please send an email notification to

Ian Maxfield - maxie30@bigpond.com

Please do not use the old BankSA account no.

Members' Duty Roster 2014

Those rostered for duty are asked to arrive a little bit earlier to help set up for the meeting and clean up afterwards.

All members are asked to wash and dry their own tasting glass.

*November
Ernesto Cornacchia
Jim Hay
Robert Knight
Brenton Pain
Dean & Maeve Swinden

* The hall needs to be set up with tables and chairs in groups for tasting session.

2014 Social Events



Presentation Day - Sunday Dec 7th 12 noon

Full details on page 1

Are you a musician and would like to play at our presentation day? Please contact the committee.

2015 Program

The committee is currently working on the 2015 program. If you have any suggestions for social events or club activities please contact the committee.

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2014/15 Committee

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Meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month except December

Venue Blackwood Memorial Hall
21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood
7.30pm.

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Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month.
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