WINE GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2ND APRIL 2023

COULTHARD BARNS, NURIOOTPA

PRESENTER: ANDREW YAP

WINE GUILD OF SA
BRIEF HISTORY (1963-PRESENT)

PHASE 1

WINE SERVICE GUILD SA

PERIOD OF DECLINE - FOLLOWED BY PERIOD OF REVIVAL

PHASE 2

WINE GUILD SA

WINE GUILD OF SA – PHASE 1 (1963 – 2000)

FORMATION OF …

Wine Service Guild of South Australia

Inaugural meeting: 26 May 1963
Venue: Yalumba Winery, Angaston
Inaugural President: Ian Wark, SA's wine and food connoisseur

LAYING DOWN OF THE “CONSTITUTION PORT”

YALUMBA WINERY, JULY 1968

(Bill Bock, J. Gillespie, Bill Meirers, Sam Cushway, Alf Wark, John Nelson)
(President)

Wine Service Guild of South Australia

PRIMARY FOCUS & MEMBERSHIP

- Members predominantly associated with wine service industries (food and beverage, hotel and tourism)
- Strong support from Catering Institute of Australia, SA Wine and Brandy Association & wine companies (Yalumba, Hardys, etc.)
- Primary focus to improve professional status of members and provide training for persons engaged in or entering the service industries
- Membership numbers in the halcyon days (60s and 70s) ranged from 100-150 members
- Attendances at functions ranged from 100-350 people

DECLINE & REVIVAL OF THE WINE SERVICE GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Decline in membership numbers in early 80's

Revived by 1986-1998 committee

Brian Ashmeade – President (14 yrs)
Andrew Yap – Vice President (14 yrs)
Brian Longford – Treasurer (14 yrs)
Barbara Pavlovich – Sec. (5 yrs)
Dawn Ashneade – Secretary (9 yrs)

WINE GUILD OF SA – PHASE 2

HOW WE GOT THERE

Formation of …

Wine Guild of SA

Inaugural meeting:
AGM, 5 August 2001, Adelaide
Inaugural President: Andrew Yap

WINE GUILD OF SA -PHASE 2 (2001 – present)

PRIMARY FOCUS & MEMBERSHIP

- Predominantly wine consumers. 25-85 members
- To promote knowledge of the sensory properties of wine, and understanding of winemaking and grapegrowing methods and practices
- To foster friendly relations between members and winemakers, and other wine industry professionals

WINE GUILD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 2001-2023
PRESIDENTS (PAST AND PRESENT)

Andrew Yap
1998/99 - 2007/8
(8 years) - WSGA & WGSA

Roger King
2007/8 - 2017/18
(10 years)

Peter Rawlins
2017/18 - 2018/19
(1 year)

Jeremy Begg
2018/19-2021/22
(4 years)

Paul Sumsion
2022 (Dec.) - present

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (1998/99 - 2007/08)

- Andrew Yap (Pres.)
- Steve Garie (Sec.)
- Brian Longford (Treasurer)
- Dorothy Heller (newsletter production, web organiser)
- Charles Jones (V. Pres.)
- Roger Halliday
- Mick Masters
- Bette Harris
- Roger King (Editor)
- Joy Buscombe
- Malcolm Claxton
- Peter Rawlins (V. Pres.)
- Roxana Calvert (Newsletter Mgr.)
- Grant Ward (IT specialist)
- Cameron Best (Editor)
- Helen Glasson (V. Pres., Editor)
- Mark Jappe (legal expert)
- Tony Sanders

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS (1998/99 - 2007/08)

- New constitution and new name (Wine Guild of SA) approved at 2001 AGM.
- Registered domain name.
- Modernized the newsletter ("The Grapevine").
- New logo for the Wine Guild. Best design by Pauline Longford.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS (1998/99 - 2007/08)

- Increased membership numbers from 25 at the beginning (1998/99) to reach the highest number (52) in 2003/4.
- Created a positive culture for the Guild, viz. friendly, inclusive, fun, relaxed, respectful, trusting and welcoming.

FUNCTIONS (1998/99 - 2007/08)

- Total number of individual functions: 64 (average 8 per year)
- Technical visits to wineries: 26 (all in SA)
- Non-winery visits: Nuriootpa Vine Research Centre; Schahinger Cooperage, Port Dock Brewery
- Regional tours: Limestone Coast (2 days); Clare (2 weekend tours); Coonarwarra (3 days, organised by Victorian Wine Service Guild)

HIGHLIGHTS (1998/99 - 2007/08)

- Brian Ashmeade made Life Member
- Wine sensory evaluation training course conducted by Andrew Yap. 6 x 3 hour sessions. 45-56 people attended per session (about 40% non-members). $2,000+ (unexpected) profit.
- Presentation of 42 Gallon Cask of 1968 “Constitution Port” by Robert Hill Smith, Proprietor & CEO of Yalumba Wines to the President (Andrew Yap) and Committee of the Guild in May 2004. The Australian Tawny has an average age of 25 years.
- Joint function with the Blackwood Winemakers’ and Brewers’ Club on 22 April 2007. Winestate Magazine 2006 Wines of the Year were tasted.
- Participated in a 3-day study tour of the Coonawarra wine region with 43 members of the Wine Guild Victoria in March 2003

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FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS HELD DURING THE PERIOD 1998/99 – 2007/08 ARE SHOWN BELOW

PRESENTATION OF 1968 CONSTITUTION PORT BY ROBERT HILL-SMITH, CEO, YALUMBA WINES, MAY 2004

CLARE VALLEY REGIONAL VISIT 1999

Pike's Winery (Neil Pike, Chief Winemaker)

CLARE VALLEY REGIONAL VISIT 1999

Mitchell Winery (Andrew Mitchell, Chief Winemaker)

WINE SENSORY EVALUATION TRAINING COURSE

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GUEST PRESENTER (left): JAMES GODFREY

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LUNCH BREAK

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE HICKINBOTHAM ROSEWORTHY WINE SCIENCE LABORATORY / WINERY, WAITE CAMPUS, NOV 2005

PORT DOCK BREWERY TOUR 2007

LIMESTONE COAST TOUR 2005

PAUL GORDON (left), CHIEF WINEMAKER, LECONFIELD WINERY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2006 RAFFLE WINNERS

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NURIOOTPA VINE RESEARCH CENTRE SARDI 2006 (Host: Dr Mike McCarthy)

NURIOOTPA RESEARCH CENTRE 2006
VITICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATION, PIRSA

ELDERTON WINERY VISIT 2007

WINESTATE 2006 WINES OF YEAR TASTING
MING'S PALACE 2007

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WINESTATE MEGAZINE 2006 WINES OF YEAR TASTING

(L-R. Presenters: James Godfrey and Philip John; and guest (late) Senator Don Jessop

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Happy anniversary

thank you

for joining us