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**The Guild encourages the responsible consumption of alcohol**

The Guild meets on the last Friday of each month (except December)  
at the Eltham Living & Learning Centre at 7.45 pm  
Next meeting: 22 March 2013

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## Next Meeting – 22 March

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Our next meeting for 2013 will be held in the Pavilion at the Eltham Living and Learning Centre, commencing at 7.45 pm on Friday 22 March 2013.

The March meeting has been brought forward a week on account of the last Friday falling on Good Friday.

Guests checking out joining the Guild are welcome to our regular meetings, as always.

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## President's Press

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*Bill Loughlin*

### FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting had the fortune of Karen Coulston as our guest speaker. She refreshed our knowledge of fermentation techniques including some tips based on recent research. Hope you are or are about to involve yourselves in your own fermentations. The grape sources relayed to you are more substantial and varied than in the past, and should assist you to locate grape types of your liking.

### MARCH 22 MEETING

A blind tasting of some silver and gold medal commercial wines under \$25 per bottle, will be put up against member wines and judged by you. See if you can pick the member versus commercial wines and the regions of grape source.

For the reds, there will be a Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Sangiovese. For the whites, there will be a Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Gris/Grigio.

Please bring along your member wines in the above categories and see how they compare.

There will be room for 2-3 country wines so please bring them along as well.

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## Forward Program for Future Guild Meetings

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MONTH	THEME	GUEST PRESENTER
March	WOTY of members wines made from Shiraz Republic grapes	Brian Spencer
April	Country Wine	To be arranged
May	Beer making - matching cheese with beer	John O'Callaghan
June	Tannin additions	Andrew from <a href="#">Winequip</a>
July	AGM	

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## Wine Quotes and News

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### Articles wanted

Articles of interest, whether they are quotes or newsworthy, are requested from members. If you have a draft version or need some assistance, I'm happy to assist for its inclusion.

(Ed.)

### The following are the thoughts of former Guild member Max Wellins

*Wine is a curious stuff. Unlike commercial beer, baked beans, BHP shares, antiques or anything else that people drink, manufacture, invest in or collect, wine has a birth, a childhood, a maturity, a serenity and a death. It can be pretty or ugly, subtle or coarse, complex or obvious, brash or backward. It changes every year you keep it, every vintage, every few hundred yards of vineyard, every different grape variety, fruit, vegetable or flower from which it is made, every time a new winemaker makes wine (or every time an old winemaker tries new tricks!!), and every time a different food accompaniment emphasises a specific component of its taste. It beguiles, intoxicates, soothes, excites and relaxes. It can inflame the young lover, and provide solace for its grandfather; it can render conversation unnecessary, and yet seduce a normally non-dissertator into this kind of intemperate verbal excesses such as this paragraph. It is an essential ingredient of life, as complex as life and as varying as humanity.*

*We, of the Eltham and District Winemakers Guild, dedicate ourselves to producing wine, the understanding and appreciation of it.*

(Max now has a beach front home near Torquay and fishes in his retirement years - no doubt enjoying fine wine with his cooked fish. Thanks to Harry Gillam for forwarding this well written article from his archives - Ed)

### Wine Quotes

*Reality is an illusion that occurs due to lack of wine*

- Anonymous

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## Trading Barrel

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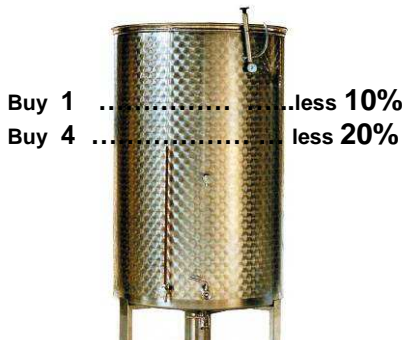
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