

*Fellowship through home winemaking*  
*Share, Learn, Enjoy!*

**Press Cuttings  
 October 2011**

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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: 28 October 2011**

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## Next Meeting – 28 October

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7:45 pm start at the Eltham Living & Learning Centre 739 Main Rd Eltham.

### Agenda:

- **November Wine Show**

At our October meeting we will be focusing on the many tasks and briefings for each Wine Show role, to ensure our Show in November is as good as it can be. That means we will be looking for your support in whatever capacity you can offer. Please come along to the meeting and be prepared to offer your assistance. The Wine Show Director Greg Martin and Committee have put in a big effort to ensure the 2011 Show will be a success. Please acknowledge that effort with your support.

- **WOTY Wine Tasting.**

There will be time for some country or grape wines tasting, so bring along any you wish to be evaluated. I thought the WOTY wine tasting we did of Mario Anders Riesling wine at the September meeting using the WOTY Wine evaluation form was a success. Mario learnt some pointers from our guest speaker and other experienced Guild members present on the night. This will be a feature at most Guild meetings and is designed for members to learn about the reasons wine making faults occur and their remedies.

- **.Any other business**

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*

### Short Courses Country and Grape Wines

In accordance with your responses to our 2010 survey of members interests, the Committee is looking at some short courses with the objective of improving technical skills. Please let me and Committee members know of the subject areas of most interest. Short courses can only focus on specific areas rather than be all embracing.

### Heathcote Wine Show

I attended the Show on Saturday morning to gain an insight as to the possible direction of our annual weekend winery tour, which did not take place this year due to insufficient member and friends interest.

If you did attend we will devote a session to discuss the merits of similar Shows where we can travel privately within a reasonable distance, have a dinner at night for those interested and return home the same day. The cost of trips such as Heathcote can be quite low as a result. I thought however the \$35 entrance fee was quite high. Our Eltham Wine Show will be better value.

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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.)

### Wine Quotes

None from anyone famous this month but I have one.

*"Lina from Rose Creek Estate makes great olives."* - Ed.

Rose Creek Estate has a stand at our annual Wine Show. Members will recall eating those tasty olives during the Show and may be interested in having a go at preparing their own olives.

Lina has kindly offered her recipe. So good luck!

### **LINA'S RECIPE FOR OLIVES IN BRINE**

- Place 5 kilos fresh olives (any variety) in a large container
- Fill with fresh water to cover olives
- Change the water everyday, for 10-12 days
- After 10-12 days, prepare approximately 5 litres of water with 500 grams of salt
- Boil water & salt and allow to cool
- Place olives in an airtight container with lots of oregano, one thickly sliced lemon, garlic to taste, and one firm green chilli.
- Pour salt water to cover olives well
- For black olives seal container for 6-8 weeks
- For green olives, seal container for 8-10 weeks
- Taste. If olives are still bitter, allow to mature a little longer.

### **TIPS**

- If you miss a day changing the water, don't worry, just continue the process for an extra day
- If you see mould forming on the final product, remove mould and place 4 or 5 slices of lemon & some more oregano on top of the olives

Phone: 9337 5471

## **42<sup>nd</sup> ELTHAM WINE SHOW**



This is a great opportunity to have your country or grape wine assessed by professionals



*Organised by the Eltham and District Winemakers Guild:*

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**11 am - 3 pm Eltham Community Centre  
801 Main Rd (opposite the Eltham Hotel)**

**Only \$15 entry (Winemaker entrants free!)**

**FEATURING:** workshops; trade exhibits; tastings of medal winning wines; major awards for Best country & Best grape winemakers; Best woman winemaker; Best Hybrid Wine; as well as awards for over 30 other wine classes

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Vinvicta Products, Australian Homewinemakers, Greensborough Home  
Brewing, Heritage Coopers

***Watch out for entry forms from our sponsors  
and on our website in September:***

**[www.amateurwine.org.au](http://www.amateurwine.org.au)**

For Further Information: 03 9437 0053 or Email: [cheers@amateurwine.org.au](mailto:cheers@amateurwine.org.au)

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## Trading Barrel

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**BUY / SELL SERVICE FOR MEMBERS** - Ads need to be lodged with the editor by the 14th of the month to be included in the next Newsletter.

**DEMIJOHNS:** In excellent condition, available for 50% of the retail price of new ones

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**Fermenting vats** in excellent condition:

700 ltr - \$150  
500ltr - 125.

Kevin Furness tel 0408 067 288

### FOR SALE - GLASS FLAGONS

For sale pairs of clear glass flagons, one 5 litre and one 2 litre.

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Mario Fantin 9846 7092.

### FOR SALE - MODULAR PINE WINE RACKS

Total storage capacity of 28 dozen bottles but can be assembled in any dozen combination.

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Price - \$250 or best offer.

Arthur Stubbs on 8822 3458

### FOR SALE - WINE BARREL STAND

One galvanised metal stand which holds 2 barriques. It is available to any paid up member for a modest donation to the guild.

Rob Aitken on 0417 537 993

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## Sponsors Corner

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Cellar Plus also has now in stock Accuvin wine test kits from the USA , which are a low cost way for testing every thing from Free SO<sub>2</sub> sulphur in wine, your pH or malic acid to see MLF ferments are complete. It could be a cheaper and simpler option, for those who are unable to leave samples at the Cellar Plus store, for their more analytical laboratory testing service which is still available with results returned usually within 24-72 hrs.



## Some Helpful Products For you to Consider!

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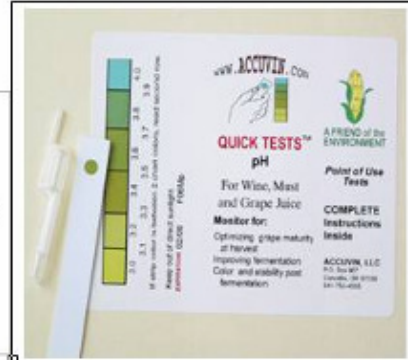
### QUICK TESTS™ Products

AV-pH

Code: 201

Price: (Price per test: \$ )

The pH Test Kit includes 20 tests, 20 samplers, and an insert with complete how-to-run test instructions. The insert also includes a Summary Interpretation explaining how to use the test results. The label with the color chart is on the front of the kit. [Order Now](#)



**Cellar Plus has moved** its Epping retail / trade Showroom from Yale St just around the corner on to the main road at 218 Cooper St (near the Medical Centre), with an expanded display space which allows the wine enthusiast an improved opportunity to roam around the many tanks, pumps, presses on display, and not to mention an internal cool room with ample yeast for all us winemakers and plenty of hops styles to please the advanced brewers.

## Australian and New Zealand Winemakers



### Eltham Wine Guild Special Offer

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- Shaving and toasting

For all your cooperage needs contact

Neil on 9438 1790 or 0402 015 138

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