

# Function Report - Lebanese Cuisine meets Barossa Valley Wine

**7th September 2005**

## **BETHANY WINES FROM THE BAROSSA VALLEY.**

Dear Members.

It is with great pleasure that your Committee brings one of the best family winemakers from the Barossa Valley to host our night at the Dunyazad Restaurant.

The Bethany Story dates back to 1844, when Johann Gottlob Schrapel and his family arrived in South Australia from Silesia on the ship 'George Washington'. Like many of their fellow Germanic migrants they made their way to Bethany (1836), the Barossa Valley's first settlement, where they established a home and planted vineyard in 1852.

The Winemakers.

In 1981 Johann Schrapel's fifth generation descendants Geoff and Rob Schrapel established a winery in a quarry high in the Barossa Ranges, overlooking the family's vineyards and the historic village of Bethany. Rob learnt winemaking by travelling the world's wine regions and working vintages in Europe, the US and South America while Geoff studied viticulture at SA's Roseworthy College then worked at several large Australian Companies.

The Schrapel Family Vineyard.

The greatest natural advantage the Schrapells have is a fruit which comes from family carefully tended vineyards. Their thirty hectares of vineyard in Bethany comprising the Bethanien Block, the Old Manse Block and the Homestead Block are fanned during summer evenings with cooling gully breezes, creating a special microclimate that allows the grapes to achieve good sugar and acid levels without becoming over-ripe.

Dunyazad Restaurant

The Dunyazad has been highly recommended for its traditional way to enjoy their Middle Eastern Cuisine Menu.

Venue: Dunyazad Restaurant.  
329 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn.  
Tel: 9857 8778.  
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.  
(Champagne on arrival.)

Guest: Geoff Scharpel Bethany Wine.  
Barossa Valley.

Wines. Bethany's Range.

Menu: Dunyazad Middle Eastern Cuisine.

Parking: On premises.

Cost: Members \$45.00. Guests. \$55.00.