

Function Report - Taste N Talk Evening With Phillip Moraghan of Curly Flat

St. Michael's Church Hall, Ashburton, Tuesday, 9 June 2009

The night was cold & wintery.....the casseroles, rice & vegetables were very warming & delicious....many thanks to Nola.....then followed a most comprehensive insight into the Pinot Noir story.....presented by Phillip Moraghan (owner/winemaker) from Curly Flat Winery.....who certainly was able to explain to us that the Pinot Noir was more than just a grape variety.

We were reminded that "first & foremost wine is just a drink"
Pinot Noir is more about tasting soil than fruit..
Pinot Noir at its best is an "iron fist in a velvet glove"
Pinot Noir's home is in Burgundy East France....

Phillips presentation included slides photos of his property & all the machinery/vats/barrels used in the production of his wines & his detailed information of the processes used. He provided interesting insight even to those of the Guild who have seen and heard so much over the years.

Of course the approx 30 members/friends who attended were able to taste the results of Phillip's labours from the vineyard situated in fine volcanic soil near the Macedon Ranges.

Firstly presented were Chardonnay
2006 Curly Flat...2007 Williams Crossing...& an interesting 2000 vintage Curly Flat

Next we were able to chose our favoutite vintage of Pinot Noir from the:
2006 Curly Flat.....2007 Willaims Crossing....2003 Curly Flat.....

Whilst still discussing the various merits of the wines, the evening came to a close with Bob thanking Phillip & inviting all to coffee & cake...another well worthwhile time of learning & fellowship was enjoyed by all.....

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