



February 2026

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G'Day All,

And welcome to Feb The month that all things grape starts to happen

Our bulk grape purchases are in and from all accounts our suppliers have dodged

The terrible fires which have been blazing all over the place. With no smoke of any Volume appearing over the vines which means no smoke taint in our grapes.

Now would be a good time to start looking in the cupboard to see if you have all that

You need for the season ahead when it comes to winemaking, don't leave yourself short

Especially now that Homemakeit are no more.

Supplies can be had at grape works, Artisans Bottega in Epping or Laverton or Costantes in Preston

If someone knows of any other supplies why not post them on our whatsapp general talk so

That other members can try them out.

Cheers for now and happy winemaking.

Your president.

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Coming Up

Friday 6th February 5pm-9pm
Yarra Valley Vintage Party at Jayden One Winery and Cellar Bar, BYO wine to share \$35 or \$45 depending on meal type
<https://events.humanitix.com/yarra-valley-vintage-party-26>

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th February
Tasmania Wine Festival at the Royal Tasmania Botanical Gardens Hobart.
various prices and times
<https://taswinefest.com.au/>

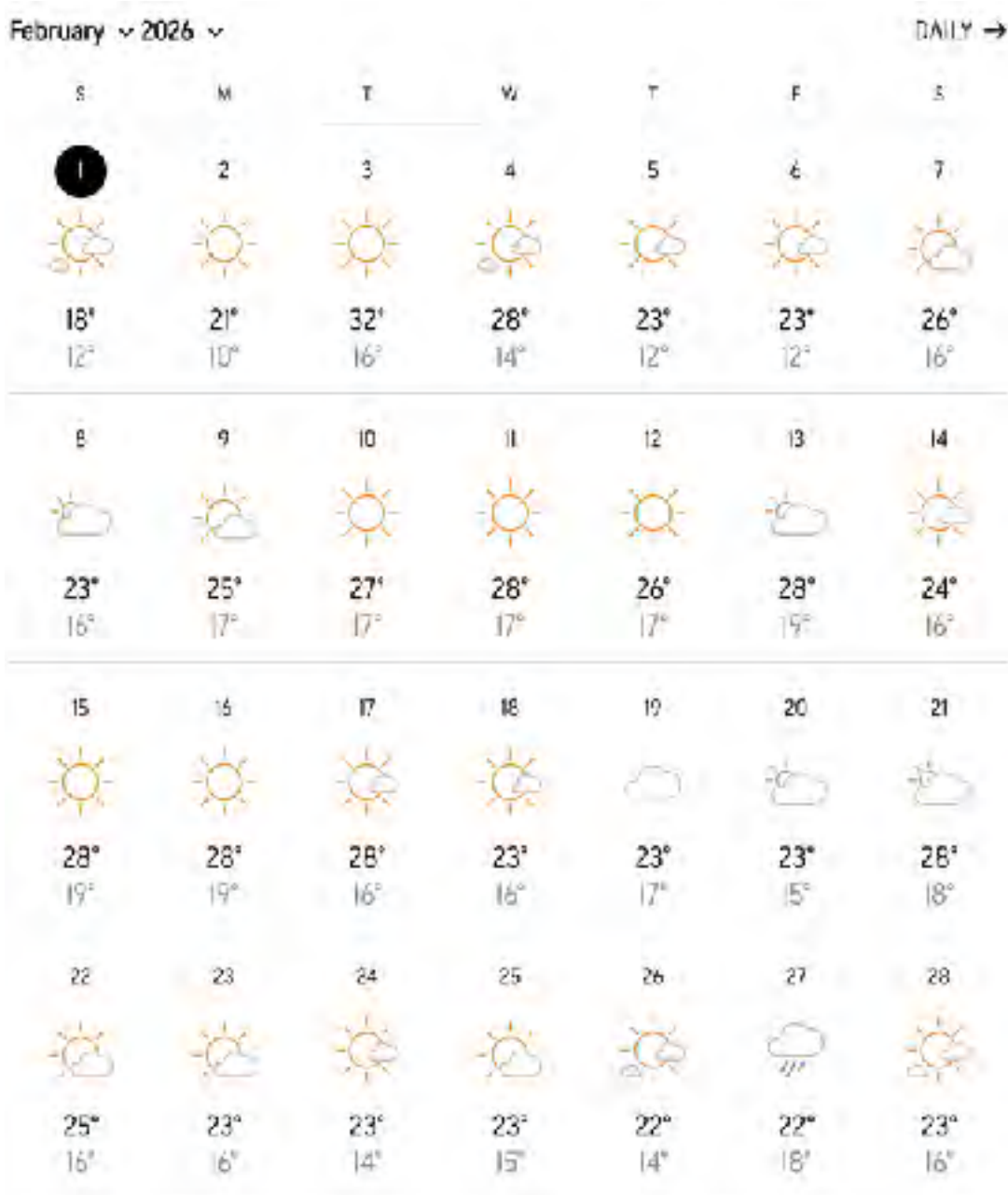
Wednesday 18th February all day
Global Drink Wine Day
Enjoy home alone or with some friends!!

Saturday 21st February
Vineyards Twilight- an evening running event hosted by Brown Brothers Winery
<https://www.victoriashighcountry.com.au/listing/vineyards-twilight-milawa/>

Saturday 21st February 12-4pm
Rose all day at various South Melbourne venues
<https://events.humanitix.com/rosealldaysouthmelbourne2026/tickets>

Saturday 28th February 12-8pm
The Story Wines Tasting Rooms launch party at 47 Alex Avenue Moorabbin. Explore wines, gins, beers and soft drinks on offer with food and DJ Free
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-story-wines-launch-party-tickets-1980693448423>

Vineyard Weather forecast for Mornington for February....sorry no Cordon Corner this month.



FAWG Calendar

Meeting Date	Committee Date	Competition	Tasting Talk	Industry event	Club Night Activity
February 10 th	Tuesday 3 rd Zoom 7pm	Sparkling wine mini comp	Raspberry wine taste off from our wineclass students		This year's John Lee trophy Citrus
March 10 th	Tuesday 3 rd Zoom 7pm	No Comp	Lucian Fitzgerald Oakridge estate		Talk about Pinot and chardonnay making
April 14 th	Wednesday 8 th Zoom 7pm	Gordon Evans white wine mini comp	Wayne Hewitt to talk about what you Mead		
May 12 th	Tuesday 5 th Zoom 7pm				
June 9 th	Tuesday 2 nd Zoom 7pm	Chris Myers Red wine mini comp			
July 14 th	Tuesday 7 th Zoom 7pm	The Guilds AGM			Homemade Night
August 11 th	Tuesday 4 th Zoom 7pm	Sheila Lee Liqueur & fortified mini comp		Our Show 28 th & 29 th	

FUNNIES



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DIONYSUS, GOD OF WINE, MEETS TEDIUS, GOD OF CRAFT BEER

SENTIA WINE TESTING



The guild has a Sentia wine analyser available to members to have wine samples analysed for FreeSO₂ and Malic Acid.

The tests can be carried out prior to guild meetings, starting at 7pm. If you wish to have your wine analysed, please ensure you arrive early and advise Kevin Murphy that you require your wine analysed.

Samples should be kept away from air (ie in a sealed bottle, or sample vial with minimum air space). Only a very small sample is required for the tests.

Costs are: Members - Free SO₂ \$8.00 and Malic Acid \$15.00 Non-members - \$10 and \$20
FAWG Calendar

This pricing only at club nights, not at Kevin's factory.



Summer Twilight Winery Walk

Mornington Peninsula Vignerons are excited to add a **summer twilight stroll on Friday February 20th** to our much-loved seasonal winery walk series. For one evening only, local winery owners will once again open their gates, inviting you to enjoy a relaxed twilight wander through beautiful vineyards and along Tucks Road. **Book now.**

As the sun dips low, we'll meander through stunning scenery, stopping along the way for **wine tastings and a light supper**, all enjoyed in the golden hour of late afternoon and early evening. It's the perfect way to soak up summer on the Mornington Peninsula.

What to expect

- A scenic **5.5km guided walk**, through vineyards, paddocks and quiet dirt roads
- Visits to **three stunning wineries**, plus a **surprise pop-up winery** along the trail

- Wine tastings and a delicious light supper to finish
- Allow approximately 3.5 hours to complete the experience

You'll need sturdy walking shoes, a sense of adventure, and moderate fitness, as we'll maintain a steady pace to comfortably complete the trail.

Practical details

- Cost: \$120 per person (+ booking fee)
- All-weather event: Please dress for the conditions and bring a hat, water, sunscreen, and comfortable enclosed shoes
- As we'll be walking through vineyards, biosecurity protocols apply, including a 1cm dilute bleach footbath at the start— please choose footwear accordingly

Itinerary & parking

We will have three walking groups (4.00pm, 4.15pm and 5.00pm) and due to limited parking (carpooling is encouraged) we will have two starting points.

- Group 1: Park and start (4.00pm) from Portsea Estate Main Ridge Vineyard (next door and a short appx 300mt walk from Ten Minutes by Tractor, where you will finish)
- Groups 2 & 3: Park and start (4.15pm & 5.00pm) and return to Ten Minutes by Tractor

Starting with a tasting at Ten Minutes by Tractor, we'll take a short stroll next door (appx 300mt) to the beautiful Portsea Estate vineyard where we will be greeted with a lovely view over the valley and tasting. We will then wander along a gravel path through gently undulating vineyards before heading up to Tucks Road. This longer stretch of the walk (approx. 40 minutes) brings us to Ocean Eight, where we'll relax with wine tastings and a light snack on the outdoor terrace, surrounded by natural landscapes. Note Group 1 will start at Portsea Estate and finish at Ten Minutes by Tractor with tastings and supper, with a short appx 300mt walk back to their vehicle.

On the return journey following Ocean Eight, we'll enjoy a surprise pop-up wine tasting with one of our local wineries, before crossing the private Ten Minutes by Tractor vineyard. You will be able to take

a sneak peek into the lovely kitchen garden, enjoying vistas across the valley. The evening concludes with a well-earned and delicious light supper on the terrace at Ten Minutes by Tractor, with the option to purchase a glass of wine to enjoy with your supper.

Supporters

