

SHIRAZ CLUB - AUGUST PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

THE VENUE: Estivo Restaurant
300 High Street
Kew

HOST: Lyn Butler

This month I am attaching the menu and hope that you can all read the file.

Several comments need to be made about the night.

Firstly, Lyn did a great job from interstate to organise what turned out to be a memorable night.

Secondly, Estivo is a great restaurant with good service and fantastic food.

Furthermore, there is plenty of room and it isn't far out of town, so it was disappointing that guests nearly outnumbered members. I suppose it was the end of winter and we all have commitments, but I would encourage everyone to support the organising member and attend as often as possible. The last three dinners, and that is all my memory can cope with, have all been excellent in terms of wine and food.

Thirdly, it is very embarrassing for a winemaker not to pick his own wine.

Lyn put on my 2006 Shiraz and while I said to my guest on my left, who was part of the Healesville Wine Co., that this could be my wine, after tasting it and talking about it I thought it was a Heathcote Shiraz. More fool me for not at least stating my first impressions.

This is not the first time I had been to Estivo, and it won't be the last. I'd go just for the scallops, they were magnificent, especially matched with an aged Sav. Blanc and a Chardonnay from Tumbarumba.

I asked for and received a copy of their menu and there many dishes that I would like to try.

In conclusion I would like to encourage as many members as possible to attend the dinners in coming months. My President's dinner will be special.

See you all soon.

Regards

Roger Hocking