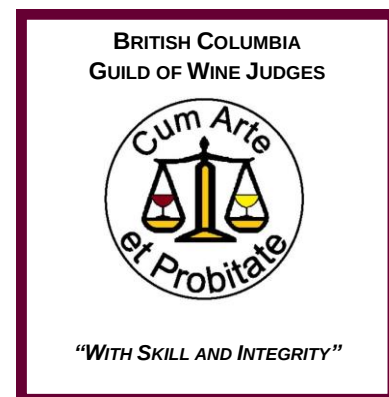


INTRODUCTION



Since its inception, the goal of the BCGWJ has been to train and improve the ability of its members to accurately evaluate wines entered into competitions. Over the years, various executives have devoted countless hours to try to improve the quality of monthly sessions, improve the knowledge of those in the guild and to offer a variety of training sessions.

The current executive has continued with this goal.

As part of this endeavor, it was felt that judges needed to have relevant information in one resource. At the 2007 AGM, the membership agreed. None of the information in this handbook is new, all of it can be found in various places, however it was felt that people often don't take the time to look for it on the Guild web site or in the wealth of information contained in the maintenance records put out by our statistician, Bill Wyngaards.

With this resource in your hands, we hope you will take the time to become familiar with it from cover to cover and to refer to it often. The executive would also recommend that you take this handbook with you when judging in competitions so as to have class descriptions at your fingertips.

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