

# B.C. Guild of Wine Judges

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## Guild Master's Report

First, congratulations go out to two significant events: a very successful course held in Victoria and Vancouver and a very successful Provincial competition. The common key to success of both was Rick and Mary Homer with tremendous course support by Axel Kroitzsch. Our greatest thanks to all the effort that Rick and Mary put into both events.

The success of the course has the potential to give us a base to branch out to providing wine education through the BCAWA clubs. This was discussed at the BCAWA AGM. It will depend on the BCAWA clubs putting in the effort to organize a session to attract new members with the Guild providing the content of a 1 day introductory session based on the course. The contents could be tailored to what the club believes will achieve the biggest audience. Is it an introductory session of the major varietals? Or a more advanced dive into one or more varietals and the winemaking behind them?

As I said last year, our fate is intimately tied to the fate of BCAWA and its member clubs. Most of our judges are or were active winemakers and the local BCAWA club a major source of Guild members. The BCAWA clubs struggled during COVID and are only now starting to revive and hold regular meetings and competitions. Competitions this year were Vinovan, Nanaimo, Saanich hosting Provincials and VAWA coming up in June. Langley is still active but is not holding a competition, just their annual garden party.

I apologize for not having the schedule out yet, I hope to have it out before the end of the month. Mainland is doing the September flight so it is important to let them know what it is so it can be put together in time for the tasting. Victoria would be October and Nanaimo November.