

Vineyard & Winery News



Springtime, footy's finished, racing carnival is over thus it's getting close to Christmas time to relax apparently.... The vineyard version of this time line is "hurry up and finish the pruning, it's budburst, spray the vineyard, go to a wine show or two if you have time, it rained, spray vineyard again, vines are growing, disbud vines, vines are still growing, lift wires to support new vine growth, spray vines again, slash grass, miss that important family get together because you're on a tractor doing something and ohh, it's Christmas next week!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Oh well, there's never a dull moment. Actually vineyards are looking ok, so much better than last year (frosts and storm damage – I'd nearly forgot that), looking forward to a good season.



One crazy thing we've been up to is Planting more vines..... it's a scary thing to admit, but we've got huge demand for durif, so we need some more! Everyone has had a go at planting too- Conrad and Grace have been helping out, picking up sticks and telling us to hurry up, or they need more biscuits..... The little durif vines are like little kids (or the goslings that hatched in early spring)- they're fun to watch because they grow so quickly, but like geese and kids- they need to be looked after closely.

Wines shows, the Riesling has been going great this year, getting some good results and finally starting to get noticed by some wine journos- it's a slow turning wheel..... Thankfully our customers have figured this out long ago!

Christmas Wine Deals (per 6 pack) \$15 saving on C/Skins

C/S King River White (Aromatic Dry Fruity White_ Sav Blanc & Ries) \$50

C/S Oxley Rose (Sweet Moscato style) \$50

C/S King River Red (Cab/Merlot/Pinot Noir Blend) \$70

Chrissy 6 Pack—Spark Merlot, Riesling 2012, Merlot 2008, Pinot Noir 2012, 500ml Ruby Port Dazed Duck & 500ml Muscat = \$150 Pick up or \$165 freight included. **Saving of \$30**

2010 Fossil Hill Shiraz 6 Pack \$120 **Saving of \$90**

C/S 6pk price includes freight to Melbourne , if freighted any other state please add \$10. If want a 12 pack more than happy to organize. But if you can pick up at cellar door you will save \$10 off purchase price. Wine deals available till 31.12.2014 so why not call the cellar door today.

Dates for the 2015 Diary

- **MELB FOOD AND WINE FEST**
RUTHERGLEN DUE SOUTH DINING
ADVENTURE
MARCH 1ST AT PURE SOUTH DINING
- **TASTE OF RUTHERGLEN 2015**
7 & 8 MARCH —LONG WEEKEND
- **WINERY WALKBOUT**
A FAVOURITE QUEENS B'DAY
LONG WEEKEND IN JUNE

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HELPING MUM SELL
AND DELIVER
WINE IS FUN AS WE
GET TO SEE LOTS OF
DIFFERENT PARKS

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Family

Since the last newsletter at vintage. Grace has been enjoying 4 year old Kinder, how time flies and she has also been completing transition days at school, as she is off to prep in 2015, not sure how Conrad will feel as he will have to help mum some more around the cellar door and vineyard but on the bright side he wont have to play Barbie tea parties as much! He may even get more time with Dad to share some tractor, truck and forklift time— no competition from Grace ! I'm sure dad will have plenty of tasks to complete before Vintage 2015 sets into over-drive.



Wine News



In this section of the newsletter we thought we would update you on some new places that you can sit and enjoy some of our fine wines. A new restaurant that is serving great Mexican food in South Melbourne is El Habanero. If you are cruising to Torquay why not see Jon at Corks Crew for a great selection of wine. After a casual lunch or dinner try the Foundry Hotel in Bendigo. Closer to home for fortified wines see the Delatite bottle shop and the Mansfield Produce Store stocks family favourites like Durif and Merlot. For a full flavoured breakfast try the Proprietor in Albury. To track down your favourites close to home check out the website or give us a call!!!

Wine Awards for 2014



Our favourite variety did well this year. You guessed it—the Riesling. The 2011 RG took home a Silver at the Canberra International Riesling Challenge, it also took the Trophy and Peoples Choice at the North East Vic Wine Challenge and the 2013 Riesling took home a Gold medal. As a result of the above awards the Rieslings were put forward into a North vs West Vic wine challenge and the 2011 RG brought home Judges 'choice. At the Boutique Wine Awards the 2012 RG Pinot Noir won a Bronze.





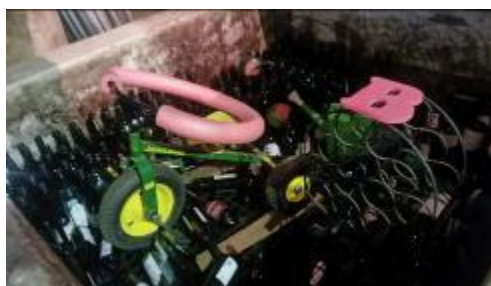
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Wrap up- Winery Walkabout 2014



This year we celebrated the 40th birthday and we did it in style, there was plenty of colour and lots of wine flowing. Everyone kick -started the day with bacon and egg rolls and for lunch moved onto Morrison Street Gourmet sausages. If you were up to the challenge you may have taken part in our mind bending fermenter challenges—counting wine bottles to vine guards. Lauren from Melbourne took home the prize of a 5lt Fortified Barrel—Congrats



Wrap up- Wangaratta Jazz Festival 2014



This year we celebrated the 25th birthday and we did it grooving to the Blues sound created by John Luke Shelley and High Speed Steel. The sun shined down upon us and everyone enjoyed a great weekend full of wine and tasty food. A big thanks to all who supported us this festival in 2014 hope to see you in 2015.

Next Event- Taste of Rutherglen 2015

This year over the March long weekend 7th & 8th March YES only one weekend for 2015. We will be serving up the King River Café of Oxley's famous flourless chocolate cake sided by Meghan's mouth watering Muscat, honey and cinnamon ice-cream. This dessert will be matched with our Muscat. This event is a great weekend for your tastebuds and you may even get to see behind the scenes of harvest.

In the evening of Sat 7th we will be having a harvest celebration dinner at Damicos Howlong. 4 courses matched with wine \$80 pp—Ross even has some quirky wine/vineyard games to play, So why not book today! .



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Christmas Gift Ideas from John Gehrig Wines



Why not spoil family and friends or even yourself with a fortified 3 pack \$50 + freight (\$10 saving) or make your own gift pack 2 or 3 bottle pack with your favourite bottles of wine. For the kitchen wiz in us all a Snow Road Tea Towel \$15 or our verjuice + recipe book \$10 both make a great stocking filler or KK gift even match with your favourite bottle of wine . **Don't forget the wine deals from page 1.** What are you waiting for ? Santa's sleigh is getting fuelled up so call the cellar door today to organise.



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