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# JOHN GEHRIG WINES

FROM THE KING TO THE GROWLER

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## Vineyard & Winery News

Ahh springtime and fast approaching summer is upon us, the vineyard is growing and season is rapidly changing. This time of year, especially in the vineyard, the hopes of optimism of next season harvest is high; is it going to be a low or high cropping year? Do we have enough or too much leaf cover? Is the season going to be dry or wet? The questions keep ticking over in the head as you're sitting on a tractor for hours on end; What wine will I make out of these grapes this year? If the vines grow this shape, can I get the flavours I want? The list and possibilities are endless, then add the next lot of questions once you're in the winery- trying to fit all the vineyard, winery and marketing questions all together to decide how to make one bottle of wine can be challenging some days.... But some say a busy mind is a healthy mind!

Jumping into the winery at this time of year is usually some fun, you should have your unwooded whites like Riesling bottled by now, so usually you're having a little sample of current vintage chardonnay in barrel -the 15's looking ok after Meghan & Conrad's barrel stirring action months ago. Plus there's this season reds; the Pinot Noir and Gamay are looking good, fruity fresh flavours- these wines are talking to me; bottle me with little oak! – just one more question to ponder over..... There's a few large tanks of Shiraz there, a big brooding wine that smells of rich jam fruits and stains your hands in seconds- it's going to be a big boy wine for sure, so some decent barrels and with all the wine gods align, it'll make a decent red for bottling next June or so.

### Christmas Wine Deals ( per 6 pack)

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

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

C/Skin Shiraz \$80

Chrissy 6 Pack—Spark Merlot, Riesling 2014, Chenin Blanc 2012, Pinot Noir 2012, Cabernet Merlot 2010 & 500ml RG Muscat = \$120 Pick up at cellar or \$135 freight included.

**Saving of \$44**

2010 Cabernet Merlot 6 Pack \$120 **Saving of \$60 which = 2 free bottles**

2012 Pinot Noir 6 Pack \$ 150 **Saving of \$60 which = 2 free bottles**

*Prices include freight to Melbourne only , if freighted to any other state please add \$10. If you want a 12 pack more than happy to organize. With any of the wine packs if you can pick up at the cellar door you will save \$10 off your purchase price. Wine deals available till 31.12.2015 so why not call the cellar door today to organize. 03 5727 3395*

But don't forget the fortified wines for this season, they need some love too- the endless topping up (filling the barrels up due to evaporation losses) has to be done- tasting these beauties at this time of the year ends the day fairly rapidly- 30+ degrees and tasting muscat is hard work believe me!

Decisions for Christmas have to be considered too- those special bottles that have been squirreled away and saved up for the festive season. Is it an inlaws or outlaws year this year? What do we feed and water these people with? Thus the same way, we have the planning of what wines and products we need ready for the Christmas and new year rush. Predicting wine fashions is like throwing \$50 on a 100:1 nag on the melb cup, gutsy moves!! Good thing our "betting" is done with mother nature!

Enjoy your festive season, hopefully with good food, friends, family and a few great wines- the relaxing part of the year to ponder (and forget..!) all those questions asked... Hopefully we'll be doing the same, but no doubt, like usual, after the 4<sup>th</sup> glass of Riesling, fully relaxed, I'll be analysing that wine, questioning why it was picked then & realising it's two months to vintage starting again.....

### Dates for the 2016 Diary

**March: MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL** – Sat 5th March  
Come see us in the at the city cellar event from 12–6

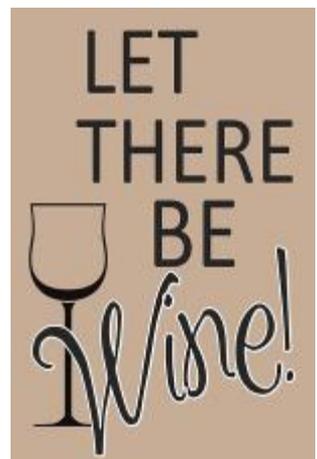
**March: TASTE of RUTHERGLEN**,  
March Long Weekend  
Come try a Gooramadda Grazing Platter or my secret sweet! And even learn more about wine & olives at our workshop

**May : HIGH COUNTRY HARVEST**  
Look out for our event  
(Vine & Brine)

**June : RUTHERGLEN WINERY WALKABOUT** Menu thinking  
Breaky our usual kick start then Mexican for lunch ?? Sounds like a fiesta!!

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## Family



Since the last newsletter at harvest, the season of Winter has past which meant the junior bottling crew was employed; but now for Spring it means plenty to do in the vineyard from picking up old vine arms to assisting with the new Spring growth, but of course some play time to cool off. Spring also means new arrivals for the “Golden Goose” family 21 babies, also our Princess & Pirate turned 6 & 4.



## Wine News



New vintage release is the 2014 Riesling . Germanic style / medium dry. Great all round fun food wine. The WOW factor white from James Halliday 94 points the RG 2011 Riesling has been released from our cellar and ready for your cellar! On the recent show circuit the Muscat has done well—Silver for the Liqueur Grand at Rutherglen and Silver for the Classic and National Cool Climate. Also the Verjuice collected a Bronze ( top of class) at Royal Melb fine food



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 wine store that we have great support in central vic is the Castlemaine central wine store . For a glass of Riesling or Golden Goose check out the Raccoon bar in Preston. Great local support is the Benalla celebrations or enjoy a nice meal and a glass of our wine at Café Martinis in Wangaratta. To track down your favourites close to home check out the website or give us a call!!

## Something extra from John Gehrig Wines for that Christmas stocking or KK gifts



When you are stuck for that something little or different why not try one of the following. Our very own Verjuice ( with recipe book) \$10 or our neighbours salad dressing “Vintage Frock” using our verjuice \$15. North East Vic tea Towel \$25 ( great framed in the kitchen) or local Snow Road tea Towel \$15. So call the cellar door today.





## 5 Successive Generations-You Would Think We Know Something About Wine!

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### Wrap up- Rutherglen Winery Walkabout



This year we celebrated Victoria's original and longest wine festival since 1974 German style. Starting off with our famous egg & bacon rolls for breakfast then for lunch moved into a traditional German sausage with all the trimmings and apple strudel with double cream for sweets. Kids and of course staff and I took the role serious.. What theme for 2016? And if so of course we will dress up!



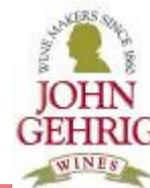
### Next Event- Taste of Rutherglen 2016

On the March long weekend we will be celebrating with our foodies from next door from Gooramadda olives and will be serving our Gooramadda Grazing Platter, And what will my secret sweet be this year? We are also be hosting a Wine/ Brine workshop were you can learn more about Olives, olive production and matching different olives/ products to our wines..Brochure attached to this email.

### Styled wedding shoot @ Gooramadda

Recently a very creative team got together and photographed our shed from a bridal prospective.. Have a look at some of the images ( they don't really do it justice in the newsletter so check out facebook if you are online! So why don't you let your imagination be creative and use our great historic shed for your next event— from christenings, family reunion or 50th wedding anniversary. Come on be inspired!





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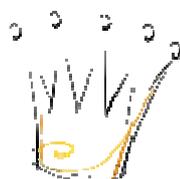
### Final page funny!!!...

We had a short North QLD mini break in Winter to escape from the chore of pruning and this was a classic that we loved -it certainly made us smile to see the support of a major retail chain outlet



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