

Vineyard & Winery News



Well, another vintage has come and gone and with the smell of a freshly “last time” clean grape press, it’s time to reflect on the vendage. 2014 was always going to be a challenge- remember those late season frosts in September? And the windstorms that bruised the Gooramadda cellardoor and de-roofed her? And the hail a few weeks later that attacked anything the first two hadn’t already cleaned up...? Challenges; in this industry, you’ve got to thrive on them otherwise you’d be in the corner having a good old cry (mother nature loves to test our strengths), but in some ways, she’ll reward us if you keep your head and tending those darling vines...

The Rutherglen winners of 2014 shone through as some fine cabernet from the Gooramadda hill block, some “C” block shiraz and some keenly contested Durif- many wanted to buy it and many birds loved sam-

pling it- good gear. Muscat fared well in the quality department, but rather short in the volume side; it’s been safely hidden away to keep our muscat stocks up....

The Oxley winners of 2014 where Riesling, Pinot Noir and verjuice made a comeback! Oxley had been hit hard by frosts, the Riesling and Pinot recovered well with small flavoursome crops, thus those grapes evolved into the wine cycle- some others didn’t fare so well, thus the remaining whites evolved into early pick verjuice - it’s already been bottled and ready to go on sale. Verjuice for those not in cooking circles, is very green (early pick) grapes; think very acidic and some sweetness; it’s a used as a replacement for red-wine vinegar (verjuice is a fruity tart acid taste where as vinegar is sour acid)

2014 vintage has already given us a chance to do all those little jobs that usually side lined for a while; blending some dry sherry up, cleaning up some out of stock chardonnay for bottling and a million other little things!

Post Harvest Wine Deals (per 6 pack) - \$15 saving

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

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 30.06.2014 so why not call the cellar door on (03) 5727 3395 to organize today.

Dates for the 2014 Diary

- **MOTHERS DAY LUNCH**
SUNDAY 11TH OF MAY
- **WINERY WALKBOUT**
OUR FAVOURITE QUEENS B'DAY
LONG WEEKEND IN JUNE –COME
CELEBRATE THE FESTIVALS 40TH
BDAY
- **TASTE 2 REGIONS ACT**
SAT 5TH FOR DINNER & SUN 6TH
FOR TASTING SHOWCASE. IF IN
CANBERRA COME SAY HI @ QT
FORMALLY THE RYDES LAKESIDE
- **WANGARATTA JAZZ FESTIVAL–**
LONG WEEKEND IN NOV
(MELBOURNE CUP)

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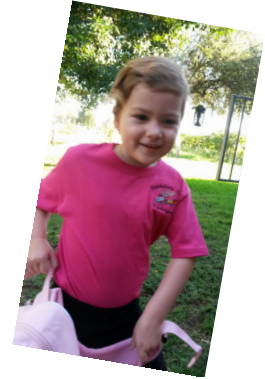
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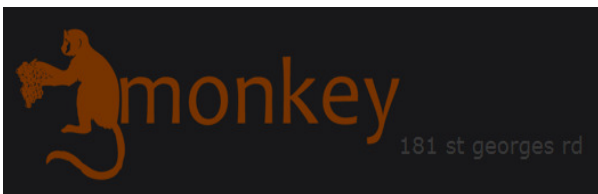
Yes it is Conrad wearing his sister safety ear muffs !! Trying to match the Cab Sav

Family

Well since the last newsletter at Christmas, Not much has changed except we are busy still chasing children around and ensuring generation 6 is learning as much winemaking skills as they can . 2014 Vintage saw them assisting with managing the grape pickers to overseeing the crushing of the grapes from Gooramadda and bottling Verjuice. Grace also managed to start 4 yr old kindergarten this year (photo to right) Conrad I think is enjoying not having his sister around as he is never to far away once there is noise from pumps, tractors, trucks or forklifts– no competition from Grace !

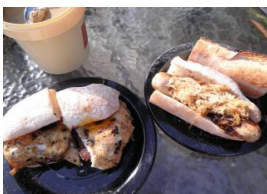


Wine News



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. Monkey wine bar 181 St Georges Road North Fitzroy is serving up the Riesling 2012. Carwyn Cellars 877 High Street Thornbury has the Cab Merlot & Riesling in stock to purchase. Durif & Sparklings are at Willsmere Village cellars . Don't forget to get all your favourites at Armadale Cellars on High Street . If you are out for a country drive you can enjoy JGWines in Castlemaine (New Northern & Public Inn) and Warrnambool (Simons, Last Coach & Nonna Casalingas). Don't forget to check the website also!!!

Next Event—Winery Walkabout 2014



This year we will be cooking egg & bacon rolls to kick start your Winery Walkabout 40th birthday celebrations, then moving onto Morrison street gourmet sausages for lunch with all the trimmings. There will also be cheese platters and snacks available to keep you fuelled up. When visiting the cellar door over the festival make sure you also take part in our fermenter mind bending challenges you could win a 5lt fortified wine barrel. (flyer attached for information on the festival) Watch out for Winery Walkabout cellar door only specials!!!!

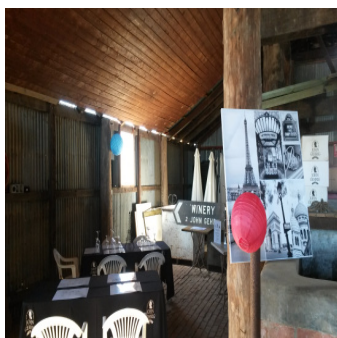




5 Successive Generations-You Would Think We Know Something About Wine!

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Wrap up– Taste of Rutherglen 2014



This year we took you on the Mediterranean mile and if you cruised by you would have enjoyed the South of France. We tasted fried white bait and fries with our verjuice aioli, complimented with the 2012 Riesling . Flo the Frenchy showcased JG Wines with local and French cheese and you even got a language course along the way! This year the weather was kind to us the first weekend and the second weekend it was very windy & cold—so our menu was great comfort food! Watch this space for updates on 2015 Taste!!!



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