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JOHN GEHRIG WINES

FROM THE KING TO THE GROWLER

May 2015— Post Harvest Issue

Vineyard & Winery News

2015 vintage was a good one, the cool summer let vines ripen pretty easy, the flavours appeared early in the season, thus start picking, pick some more and keep picking. It's a vicious cycle and all of a sudden autumn has disappeared, it's Easter and vintage is nearly over...

The early start to vintage surprised some in the industry, catching a few unprepared, but you needed to know your vines and have a bit of faith in your harvest decisions to call "pick now". A wine can quickly turn from unripe and no flavour to jammy, porty and alcohol hot in the matter of two weeks, all dependant on fruit ripeness, thus the picking date. The Gamay seems to be a quiet winner this season, it's looking real good in tank at the moment; it'll see some short barrel time then bottled before Melb cup if all goes well- Gamay looks better fresh and fruity, thus the short maturation time. Jnr Conrad even had a good go at picking these this year, In the process amazing the other pickers and myself that he didn't cut himself with the hand snips....2015 will show up some heavy reds and big fortifieds- due to the favourable weather and little rain, the vines ripened up to crazy levels; just the ticket

for making ports and Muscat's. Due to a few other stars aligning, we processed quite a lot of port and Muscat material this year- they are looking fantastic to say the least..!2015 will be the year of the liqueur ports and Muscat's; the flavours suit these styles of wine and they'll look real good with a few year age on them. Sticky delicious stuff!

Meghan even had to pull on chief cellar rat hat a few times; sometime she doesn't know what hat she's wearing or rapidly swapping them- cellar rat, mum, sales room girl, sleep councillor for deprived winemaker, events manager, wholesales wine rep.... the list goes on. But through all that, she's survived, the kids learnt a lot about red ferments and grape presses and the like and there's a few wines in tank that wouldn't have been produced without her help! Cheers to that.

May involves cleaning up wines from this year in preparation for bottling or maturation. In our spare second, we've been busily blending port for the Dazed Duck blend- it's really quacking this time! The port fanatics have been a steady stream of grabbing flagons or appearing with their bulk container to restock the treasured "man-cave barrel"; just in time for winter - snow skiing, craying & salami making.

Harvest 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

Autumn / Winter Winemakers 6 Pack—Spark Brut, Chenin Blanc 2012, Merlot 2008, Pinot Noir 2012, King River Red & 500ml Muscat = \$150 Pick up or \$165 freight included. **Saving of \$30**

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

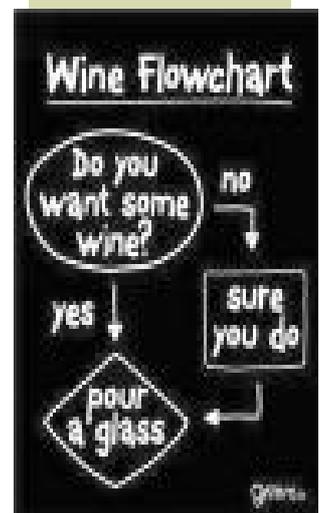
C/S 6pk price includes freight to Melbourne , if freighted any other state please add \$10. If want a 12 pack more than happy to organize. But if you can pick up at cellar door you will save \$10 off purchase price. Wine deals available till 01.07.2015 so why not call the cellar door today.

Dates for the 2015 Diary

- 6TH & 7TH JUNE**
WINERY WALKBOUT
 A FAVOURITE OVER THE QUEENS B'DAY LONG WEEKEND IN JUNE WE ARE GOING GERMAN STYLE!
- 5TH JULY**
TASTE 2 REGIONS IN ACT
 A GREAT WAY TO SEE THE WINES & FOOD PRODUCERS FROM RUTHERGLEN & KING VALLEY
- 31ST OCT—2ND NOV**
 WANGARATTA JAZZ FEST

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Family

Since the last newsletter at Christmas, Grace has started Prep at the local primary school in Oxley and absolutely loving it! Conrad seems to have landed with his 2 big feet on the ground without his sister to boss him around. Vintage time saw Conrad find his hands and feet (those big feet) right into harvest & winery work



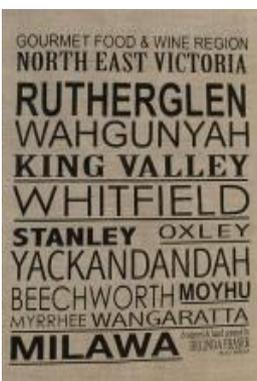
Wine News



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 wine store that is supporting us is the Castlemaine central wine store . For fortified wines try the Heathcote wine hub. Travelling along the midland hwy to Mansfield try the Swanpool general store. Great local support for a very tasty meal try Damicos in Wangaratta or Corowa. To track down your favourites close to home check out the website or give us a call!!

Something extra from John Gehrig Wines

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. Wine glass pens great for parties so you want lose your glass or great for writing on platters \$18 so call the cellar door today





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

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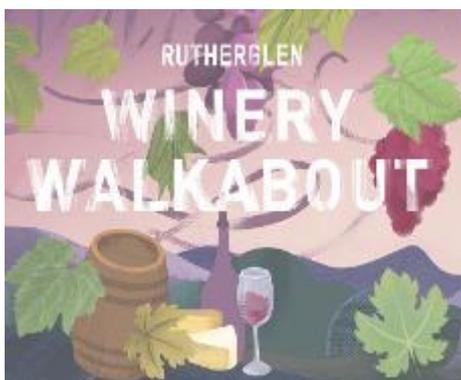
Wrap up– Taste of Rutherglen 2015



This year over the March long weekend 7th & 8th March . We mixed it up and served up a delicious dessert the King River Café of Oxley's famous flour-less chocolate cake sided by Meghan's mouth watering Muscat, honey and cinnamon ice-cream. This dessert was decorated with local Renaissance chocolates and matched with our Classic Muscat. We also had our neighbours from Gooramadda Olives to serve up their tasty produce– Mmmm what will we serve in 2016????



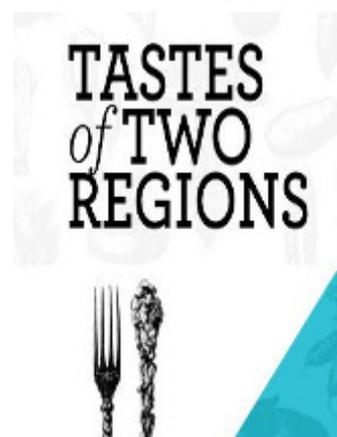
Next Event– Rutherglen Winery Walkabout 2015

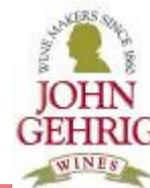


This year we are celebrating Victoria's original and longest wine festival since 1974 German style. Starting off with egg & bacon rolls for breakfast then for lunch moving into a traditional German sausage with all the trimmings and apple strudel with double cream , snacks and hot drinks all day. This years crazy game will be Ross's cap popping cannon—see if you can win a bottle of wine Come in a lederhosen win a prize (wine of course)—ill be getting into the festival mood as ill be in a costume! Book your group today we can have your glass packs ready and your breakfast cooking. Love your Riesling come say hi -See you soon

Next Event– Taste of Two Regions 2015

Wine & food event at QT Canberra on 5th July 2015 (10am-4pm). Come try wine and produce from one of Australia's most celebrated wine regions- Rutherglen or sample Australia's epicentre of Italian varieties—King Valley. On Saturday the 4th why not spoil yourself with friend or family and attend one of the following events King Valley winemakers lunch or Rutherglen winemakers are hosting a lunch and dinner this year for all information on the event check out websites (winemakers.com.au or winesofthekingvalley.com.au). Catch Ross in Canberra this July and you may even find a new favourite!





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