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JOHN GEHRIG WINES

FROM THE KING TO THE GROWLER

April 2016– Post Harvest Issue

Vineyard & Winery News

Well harvest has come to an end so now its time to reflect from a winemakers wife view this newsletter. 2016 vintage was looking calm & well organised season as the weather was on our side in the vineyard from early on back from October 2015, but the sunshine weather gods had a difference in opinion as they brought on a few consistent hot weeks in Feb 2016 when made everything ripen just that little bit quicker and develop stronger and higher alcohol.. which in turn makes hubby chief winemaker aka vineyard managers work just that little bit more harder, certainly had to juggle a lot more hats in a shorter period of time. Sleep you may ask that does not exist in this multi hat wearing family (trying to catch up now, that the ferments have finished their activities in the Winery)

The Durif I think seems to be a winner this season; it's looking really good in tank at the moment; Aka the Ox & the Beast! Grace has a soft spot for the Gamay as she helped with the week-long ferment management process of pump overs and also assisted getting the Rutherglen Cabernet into the press. Jnr Conrad this year once again took a leading hand in assisting the hand picking of

Muscat at Rutherglen....2016 will certainly show up some heavy reds and full rounded flavoured whites- due to the hotter weather late into the season and little (no) rain.

This year I felt like a season veteran during vintage as I dusted off my chief cellar rat hat and got into all the required yeast additions, temperature and ferment control - learning lots each harvest that is for sure. This year 2016 was a real family affair with the kids being so hands on and showing such an interest it made it easier to be a mum and Mrs understudy winemaker!! Bring on 2017 and beyond so I can enjoy the wines of my labour with you all! Cheers to that.

April has seen us already complete some bottling our 2013 Durif, Cleanskin Growler (Rutherglen Shiraz / Durif blend). Next on the list Sweet Rose (new recipe) 2015 Chard, 2016 Chenin Blanc, 2016 Riesling, King River Red and our first 2013 Snarts Block Shiraz from Rutherglen Then end of May will see us back into the vineyard to start wearing a designer hairdressers hat to give these vines a haircut ready for 2017 season. Lets see what the weather gods throw at us next season!!

Post Harvest Wine Deals (per 6 pack)

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

C/Skin Growler (Shiraz / Durif) from our Rutherglen site \$80

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 \$15. 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 01.07.2016 so why not call the cellar door today to organize. 03 5727 3395

Dates for the 2016 Diary

May : HIGH COUNTRY HARVEST

Sat 21st May 2016

Pip Pip Sip Sip

June : RUTHERGLEN WINERY WALKABOUT

11 – 12 June 2016

Menu: Breaky our usual kick start egg bacon roll then Mexican for lunch ?? Sounds like a fiesta!!

August : TASTE of 2 REGIONS

27–28 Aug 2016

Due to the election this event in the ACT has been moved from July to Aug for 2016

Nov : WANG JAZZ BLUES FEST

29–30 Oct 2016

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Family

Since last newsletter Conrad has started 4 year old Kinder and Grace couldn't be prouder! This harvest was certainly a family affair with Conrad leading the way in hand picking Muscat at Rutherglen & Grace taking the assistant JNR winemaker role very seriously by conducting the red ferment pump over's (on her Gamay) and washing out the large 4-6 tone fermenters.



Wine News

New vintage release is the 2013 Chenin Blanc with our first Rutherglen Durif and Snarts Block Shiraz available X fingers by June. By Spring 2016 will see a new vintage of Gamay just in time for that warmer weather.



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 to check out Phillip Cellars in Shepparton For a glass of Riesling try 13 Steps or the brewery in Bright. If in Rutherglen check out the local butcher for Pinot Noir, Chenin Blanc & Verjuice. Albury try the River Deck Café for a glass of 2014 Riesling also. If in Sydney and love the Cremant De Chenin try a cheeky cocktail @ the Burrow Bar. When heading to the snow this season try the Golden Age Hotel in Omeo .To track down your favourites close to home check out the website or give us a call!!!

Something extra from John Gehrig Wines for the Winter Months or a special gift



When you are stuck for that something special or want to spoil yourself this Winter & beyond why not get yourself a fortified wine barrel made locally and fill it with your favourite John Gehrig fortified wine—Muscat, Goose or Duck \$275 or \$395 So call the cellar door today 03 5727 3395





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

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Wrap up– Melbourne & North East Food Wine Festivals



March was a busy time for festivals as this year we attended the City Cellar as part of Melbourne Food & Wine Festival celebrating all Victoria's wine regions on the beautiful waterfront at South Wharf. 2016 saw the 4th year for the North East Food & Wine Festival in Wodonga which had a great atmosphere and support –Wine favourites were Sparkling Merlot & Golden Goose we also shared our stall with our neighbours Gooramadda Olives.



Wrap up – Taste of Rutherglen 2016

On the March long weekend we celebrated the festival with our foodies from next door Gooramadda olives and we served up a Gooramadda Grazing Platter .We also hosted a Wine/ Brine master class were you got to learn more about olives, olive production and matching different olives to our wines. If you missed this class, don't worry why not book yourself into Pip Pip Sip Sip information below.

Next Event — Pip Pip Sip Sip (High Country Harvest)



As part of the High Country Harvest we will be teaming up with our neighbours to host this event on Saturday 21st May. So from 2.30 pm you will have a guided walk through our Rutherglen Vineyard with Ross of course stopping for a glass of sparkling along the way which will lead you into the Olive grove for a knowledgeable tour of the processing at Gooramadda Olives and before we finish at 4.30/5pm there will be a tasting Master class.. Book at www.highcountryharvest.com.au via eventbrite

Next Event — Rutherglen Winery Walkabout

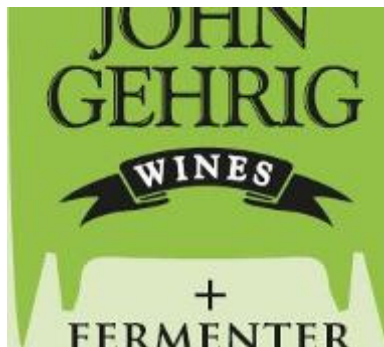


This year we will celebrate Victoria's original and longest wine festival since 1974 Mexican style. Starting off with our famous egg & bacon rolls for breakfast then for lunch we will be looked after by El Habanero of South Melbourne to feast on salsa corn chips, soft tacos and churros for the sweet tooth . On site if the weather is nice to us there will be numerous market stall holders Gooramadda Olives, Made on Murdoch, Lorna Boyd paintings, Court on paper + More. Of course the staff and I will take the theme serious and will dress up!. **One major change to the festival this year no tickets will be sold on weekend must be pre booked!** Check out www.winemakers.com.au



Other JGW News

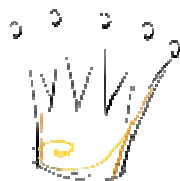
Fresh new website being launched in coming weeks
-so check it out !!! Sneak peek next-door



Another sneak peek to our new wine club coming soon
Question ?? Are you a Fermenter Friend ??? If you love our wines and would love the convenience of them being delivered 3 X per year then this is for you!! Contact us and we can supply more information once we have pressed into bottle !!!

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