



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2014

There is something about spring that lifts the spirits. I am sitting here in the cellar door on a Sunday afternoon after closing up and I am in no hurry to leave. The soft afternoon light spotlights the mass of lavender flowers next to the veranda and makes the new bright green shoots on the pear trees look amazing against the backdrop of the earthy grey greens of the granite boulders and eucalypt forest that surrounds us. The bees are in overdrive, busily moving from lavender flowers to pear blossoms and back again. I should get up and stack the wine glasses in the dishwasher, but maybe I will sit here for just a bit longer...



A sea of lavender flowers in front of the cellar door

Primavera

The Granite Belt welcomes spring with the fabulous *Primavera* – a celebration of all things that are great about food, wine, culture and nature. Local wineries, restaurants, art galleries, etc. put on a range of fun events throughout spring. Be tempted by the *Gamekeepers Dinner* at the Barrelroom Café; the *Wall of Colour* at the Stanthorpe Art Gallery; a *Sunset Vineyard Walk* at Twisted Gum Wines or *Tapas & Tempranillo* at Hidden Creek Winery (just next door to us). Head to the Granite Belt Wine Country [website](#) for information on these and many more great Primavera events this Spring!

Our Halliday rating increases to 4.5 stars!

The James Halliday 2015 *Australian Wine Companion* was released in July and Twisted Gum Wines increased from 4 to 4.5 stars. In fact, we were just one point (on one wine) away from the coveted 5 star ranking! This is a great result for a tiny winery like us. We were awarded 90+ points on three of the five wines that were tasted by James Halliday (our Pink Moscato was not tasted). We were awarded 90 points for our 2012 Chardonnay, 93 points for our 2012 Shiraz and 94 points for our 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon. More detail, including tasting notes and drink to dates, is available on the James Halliday [website](#).

Sunset Vineyard Walk

The first sunset vineyard walk for spring 2014 was held on Saturday 13 September. An enthusiastic group accompanied Michelle on a walk through the vineyard, chatting about pruning, canopy management and lots more, before returning to the cellar door for wine and cheese and a great sunset. We all had fun exploring the different wine and cheese matches, with the most popular being the Gorgonzola with the 2012 Chardonnay and the Manchego with the 2012 Shiraz – yum!! For more info on our sunset vineyard walks please see our events [webpage](#).

New Wine Club

Our new wine club is now up and running! Join up to receive priority access to our unique wines and events and also benefit from generous discounts on your wine purchases. Benefits include:

- One case (12 bottles) of our exclusive Single Vineyard Dry Grown Twisted Gum Wines are delivered directly to your door each October/November at a 20% discount off cellar door prices.
- A discount of 20% on all other case purchases (6 or 12 bottles straight or mixed).
- Priority access to tickets for Twisted Gum Wines events, such as *Sunset Vineyard Walks* and the exclusive *Table for Sixteen* degustation dinners.
- A quarterly newsletter by email.



Spectacular sunset from the veranda of our cellar door

Further details and an application form can be found on our website [here](#).

Brisbane Good Food and Wine Show

This has long been regarded as the one “must do” event each year for wine lovers in SE Queensland. The Brisbane Good Food and Wine Show (17-19 October 2014) features hundreds of wine producers from across the country all in the one place. You can sample wines from the Barossa, McLaren Vale, The Granite Belt and more all in one day. We will have a Twisted Gum Wine stand in the Granite Belt section this year, so be sure to drop in and say hi and taste some of our amazing single vineyard dry grown wines in direct comparison with wines from across the country – we are confident that they will stack up extremely well!

For more information see the Brisbane GFWS [website](#).

Cheers!

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