



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016

Some fabulous Spring rain has arrived and the Granite Belt is looking an absolute picture. The paddocks are a rich green colour, the cows are fat, the vineyards are jumping and the gardens are ablaze with all the colours of the rainbow. The garden at our cellar door has never looked better. The lavender is heavy with flowers, attracting bees from all over. The roses have just started to come out this week and they are proving irresistible to all who pass by. Visitors to the cellar door have been admiring the amazing perfumes of these old world roses that we obtained from a young apple farmer on the North side of town.



Trophy for our 2014 Shiraz!

We were very excited to receive a Gold Medal and Trophy for our 2014 Shiraz at the *Queensland Wine Awards* in Brisbane last month. The Gold Medal was in the Shiraz Class while the Trophy was for the *Champion Mainstream Variety Red Wine* of the Show. We knew that our 2014 reds were pretty special, but were very pleasantly surprised to win a gong like this! ☺

Four Star James Halliday Rating!

The ratings for the 2017 *James Halliday Australian Wine Companion* have been released and we are rated Four Stars again which is fabulous! We are proud to have been rated Four Stars or higher for four straight years now. ☺ A winery must achieve 90 points or more for two or more of their wines to achieve this rating, so for a small winery like us (that produces only six wines) this is an impressive result. For further information see the Australian Wine Companion website [here](#).



Delicate young shoots in the Shiraz

In the vineyard

The block at our front gate is finally replanted! We fixed the trellis, dug the holes, planted the rootlings, put on the Groguards, spread the Organic Booster fertilizer and then finally covered this with 90 cubic metres of aged forest mulch just last week. I am exhausted just describing the work! We have planted the block with Grenache and Mourvedre. Our plan is to make a GSM (Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvedre) red wine blend, in a similar style to the beautiful rich wines of the [Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape](#) wine region in the Rhone Valley in France. With some luck our first GSM will be available in 2021 – which cannot come soon enough!

Wine Club deliveries

Wine Club Members will receive their annual wine deliveries in early November – just in time for those end of year gatherings and parties. ☺ Many Club Members have opted for the 2016 Wine Club Mixed Case (see details [here](#)) while others have enjoyed the flexibility of creating their own unique selection of our wines. If you are not a member but would like to join up and grab a case of our unique Single Vineyard Dry Grown Granite Belt Wines at the Wine Club Discount of 20% off, then drop us a line and we will be happy to help. For further details check out our Wine Club web page [here](#).

Cheers!

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