

# CHAMBERS



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As the year once again rushes to close, we would like to thank you all for your support during the year. We are very happy to have so many new acquaintances and new generations joining our long-time customers who have, over the years, become friends.

Bill, Wendy, Stephen and the entire team at Chambers extend warm wishes to you as you celebrate the holiday season. We look forward to an exciting and prosperous new year and hope that 2003 will bring you health, happiness and lots of good cheer.

With the rapid onset of the warmer weather we recommend you check your festive needs and restock before the really hot days are with us. We hope Santa's Super Seasonal Selections on page 5 will make this task as easy as possible



### Some of Santa's little helpers -

Lyn Pleming on the left is our production supervisor assisted by Julie Hatton and Kath Landers with Bill in the far background.



All of the other reindeers used to laugh and call him names.

### And The Winner is...

Our word competition certainly brought out the creative thinkers among us and provided some good chuckles. We now have some excellent additions to our vocabularies – wonder how long it will take until they make it into the Macquarie?

The Peter Duffy/Kathleen Boyd syndicate took off the trophy with Crabernet (a red wine so strong you find yourself walking sideways after drinking two glasses of it) strongly supported by Cardonnay (a wine suitable for casks).

No doubt lots of us have been guilty of Harry Cook's entry 'Hidying' which really struck a chord with Laurie who says that is exactly what his kids do when told to tidy their rooms. Another of Harry's entries, Pinot Noer (knows what he likes and it ain't Pinot) was Bill's favourite.

From Alan Button came Macademic (fast food instructor) and Mailbec (replied paid to New Zealand). We hope the winners enjoy their rewards in this very closely contested competition.



*May you always have warmth in your Igloo,  
Oil in your lamp and peace in your heart. An Inuit Toast*

## The wonderful world of wine

The wine world is never dull with some particularly interesting things happening at present.

First came the remarkable announcement from Fosters that, for the first time ever, sales of wine had exceeded beer sales.

This equates to an increase in national consumption of more than 5% with even higher gains in the UK and the US markets.

Are consumers taking advantage of the health benefits of wine or perhaps they are making lifestyle changes? Beer sales are not dwindling so it may be that more people are taking an interest in the beguiling qualities of wine in addition to, rather than instead of, beer.

News that a wine with a screw cap closure had taken out the prestigious Air New Zealand Wine Awards followed. This coincided with an article by well-known British writer Hugh Johnson calling on his seven million readers to "buy your daily wines from suppliers with the courage to use modern stoppers."

As it is believed that between five and ten per cent of all wines are 'corked' or tainted because of cork failure, it is easy to understand the push for synthetic closures. Practicality may see the end of the 'plop' of a cork being pulled sooner than we think.

Now a South Australian company is planning to include grape seed extract, a powerful anti-oxidant contained in red wine, into a range of fruit juices, breakfast cereals, even bread. Anti-oxidants are well known for their ability to lower cholesterol and improve circulation.

Much of the pioneering research on antioxidants was conducted in the 1940's by scientist Dr Jack Masquelier. He studied the notes of an early French explorer Jacques Cartier who had a miraculous recovery after being marooned in Canada by severe weather in the winter of 1534-1535.

Due to the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables in their diet Cartier's crew were dying of scurvy. Fortunately, local Indians showed them how to make a tea from another rich source of antioxidants, the needles and bark of pine trees.

The crew made a complete recovery but it took another 400 years before Masquelier discovered why.

**• If you can stay calm while all around you is chaos...then you probably haven't completely understood the seriousness of the situation.**

## For the kids

For all the long suffering children who come to the cellar door with their parents and wait and wait while 'the oldies' sip and sample, we have a competition.

Entry to the 3rd Chambers Art Exhibition and Competition has been limited to those under 18 years of age and divided into three age sections. Ready to mount pieces in any medium up to A3 in size are sought so there is plenty of room for creativity.

With so much uncertainty in the world we have selected 'Why I love my Town' as our theme this year. Hopefully it will help young people reflect on the positive aspects of where they live.

Substantial prizes, along with ample opportunity to showcase the talents of these very important members of our community are offered to encourage full participation in the event.

Application forms are now available, entries close 24/2/03 with exhibits to be received by 3/3/03.

Please encourage your younger family members to get their fingers busy during the school holidays.



Cellar door visitors may have met up with our latest four legged additions to the Chambers crew - Max and the adorable Rastus seen here learning the ropes with Bill

## Gossip & Goodies

We have had many favourable reports about the scrumptious recipe in our last newsletter, Old Cape Brandy Pudding. Why not surprise your family and friends over the holidays or perhaps tuck it away to impress on a special occasion. One visitor reported that he made it for his guests then almost had a riot when it was all gone. He was very disappointed it was not available for sale at the cellar door.

Keep our Rutherglen & Districts 2003 Calendars in mind too as they are good stocking-fillers or easy gifts if you need to send things through the post.

## A New Slant on Financial Planning

There was a city boy by the name of Kenny who moved to the country. He bought a donkey for \$100 from a neighbouring farmer who kindly agreed to deliver it to his property.

The following morning when the farmer drove up he had some bad news for Kenny. The donkey had died during the night and he couldn't give him back his money because he had already spent it.

Kenny thought about it for a few minutes and told the farmer to just unload the donkey anyway. "What ya gonna do with him?" the farmer asked, "I'll raffle him off." said Kenny. Horrified the farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead donkey!" "Sure I can" said Kenny - "I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later the farmer met up with Kenny and enquired about what had happened with that dead donkey. "I raffled him off - sold 500 tickets at \$2 a ticket and made a profit of \$998," said Kenny smugly. "Well, didn't anyone complain?" asked the farmer. "Only the guy who won - so I gave him his \$2 back."

Kenny grew up and eventually became the chairman of Enron.

## Spray it again Sam

A different kind of recipe this time - a Chilli Spray to repel those nasty garden bugs. It comes from the Organic Gardener magazine and is a very effective, non-chemical alternative to commercial sprays.

Test spray a small section of each plant variety and leave for 24 hours then check for leaf burn before proceeding. Leaf burn is a problem during hot weather so make sure you spray in the coolest part of the day.

To make the spray blend 1/2 cup of fresh chillies with 2 cups of water or, if you have no chillies, substitute 2 tablespoons of Tabasco sauce. Add a dash of dishwashing liquid to improve sticking then go for it.

## From our American Correspondents...

Congratulations to Bob Allen of Los Altos Hills, California who took top honours at the Filoli Fruit Cook Off last month with his Gingered Figgy Pear Butter with Lavender Flower preserve.

The recipe starred Bill's Grand Muscat as one of the ingredients! Sounds scrumptious and totally decadent and Bob has kindly converted the recipe to metric measurements. Look out for it in for our Autumn edition when the pears are in season.

Bob has been a firm Chambers fan after enjoying a stay at 'Lakeside' the lovely bed and breakfast accommodation house operated by Bill's brother Peter and his wife Helen on the banks of nearby Lake Moodemere.

News of a new wine assessment system developed by another American friend Jake Sobotka also of California: I like it - I don't like it - I like it if you're paying for it.

## EMAIL

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**NOELVES**

Heard on the ABC so it must be true...  
"It's so dry out here that the trees are chasing dogs and the slow ones are learning to whistle."



## Up Coming Events

If you are visiting us please call in to our new wine appreciation centre, the Rutherglen Wine Experience situated adjacent to the roundabout at the eastern side of the town. From early December a café will be operating, you can get lots of information or even hire a fully kitted bicycle to tour the area at your leisure.

The Stringybark Express, a heritage railway service, operates between Rutherglen and Wahgunyah offering something a bit different. You can enjoy, by arrangement, a wayside picnic stop or just lap up the sights and sounds of a by gone era.

- **MRA Rowing Regatta**

Bring a picnic, your sunnies, hat and insect repellent so you can enjoy all the fun at Lake Moodemere, Rutherglen.

**11 & 12 January 2003**

- **Tastes of Rutherglen**

Wine & Food Festival celebrated by the wineries and food outlets of the district over two weekends incorporating the Chambers Rosewood Children's Art Exhibition & Competition.

**7 - 17 March 2003**

- **Easter**

**18 - 21 April 2003**

- **Winery Walkabout - 30th Anniversary**

Don't miss this fun filled weekend but make sure you book early!

**6 - 9 June 2003**

There are lots of exciting things happening in Rutherglen. Parker Pies have again won a handful of medals for their scrumptious goodies including a vegetarian pie. A new super market is being developed directly opposite with architecture sensitive to the old world feel of the streetscape.

Then if you are looking for a memento, special gift or perhaps a treat for yourself, you can stroll further down Main Street, you will find that Bindi Welsh, our local photographer, has expanded Indigo Images to include a gallery.

There is a delightful new gift shop called Carlyle Presence overflowing with great gift ideas at very reasonable prices. Look out for the range of fabulous fudges at Kelly's Sweet shop, enjoy one of the bakeries or check out the great wrought iron bits and pieces at our new forge.

Luckily, we have an extensive range of restaurants and cafés with a number of outlets now offering breakfast, including a great new casual eatery at the ever popular Tuileries complex.

## Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook people taking things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can always sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then...you are probably the family dog!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In accordance with new privacy legislation we wish to advise that we do not sell or pass on information to other organizations without your knowledge. Please contact us if you would like to see our privacy statement.

Should you wish to be removed from our database simply return this notice and we will happily and completely remove you from our system.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW LEGISLATION

As with the food industry we are subject to a whole range of new regulations regarding disclosure of ingredients, additives or substances added to, or used in, the production of wine.

The purpose of this legislation is to advise consumers of various substances such as egg white or milk used, for many years, to "fine" or clear wine which may be of concern if small traces are still present in the final product.

### People Profile: Ken Renshaw

You may have seen another of our long time employees, Ken Renshaw, if you've visited the cellars. He can often be found working in the vineyards or tending Bill's sheep; herding them up the road to another paddock or down the road to the shearing shed.

Ken really looks the part in his bushman's hat and his sure but lumbering walk, his hands gnarled and weathered by years of shearing.

A real 'bushy' who loves hunting and fishing Ken has many a yarn to tell and can always be relied upon to come up with cures for sheep ailments. "He's never been a bludger - always been a hard worker" say his mates'.

Ken gave up smoking recently, after someone pinched his cigarettes from the pub, we are all wondering if he will start going to the gym next!

### In the Vineyard

With all the gloom and doom and talk of drought you would think there wouldn't be anything optimistic to report on the vineyard.

Interestingly, vines grow quite differently to many other plants with much of the success for the current vintage depends upon the previous seasons.

You may have noticed street trees with more vivid flowers and heavier crops on your fruit trees this year. This is because drought prompts many plants to produce more flowers and seeds in order to perpetuate themselves.

Grapevines however, rely on stored nutrients for their survival. The first three weeks after budburst are particularly important, when the vines live exclusively on stored carbohydrates. Ample nutrients are essential at this time.

We had the benefit of good summer rains followed by good autumn rains and the vines have responded well. Flowering was good for early varieties, the berries set well and the vines produced a 'two bunch crop' meaning there are two bunches on each bud. Late flowering varieties were effected by high winds.

Our vineyard workers have been very busy laying out straw mulch to keep the roots as cool and moist as possible. They are also 'disbudding' or taking away any water shoots from the bottom of the vines to ensure the grapes receive optimal nutrition.

Careful use of Rosewood's irrigation system will also support all the hard work of our canny outside team to bring about the best possible results. It's good to know this precious crop is in such capable hands.

## SANTA'S SUPER SEASONAL SELECTIONS

Expires 28/02/03 unless sold out

### • RUDOLPH'S RED

6 x '98 Cabernet Sauvignon  
6 x '98 Blue Imperial

**\$150 plus freight**

### • CUPID'S CRACKER CRATE

6 x Rutherglen White (Cleanskin)  
6 x Rosewood Red (Cleanskin)

**\$65 plus freight**

### • DASHER'S DELIGHT

3 x '01 Gouais  
3 x '01 Rosewood Riesling  
3 x '00 Lakeside Late Harvest  
3 x '00 Botrytis Tokay (750ml)

**\$145 plus freight**

### • BLITZEN'S BEST

4 x '98 Chardonnay  
4 x '98 Blue Imperial  
1 x '00 Botrytis Tokay (750ml)  
1 x '01 Walnut Muscat  
1 x Rutherglen Tokay  
1 x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)

**\$145 plus freight**

### • NORTH POLE PARTY PACK

2 X '97 Riesling  
2 x '00 Lakeside Late Harvest  
2 x '01 Vidals Rosé  
2 x '99 Shiraz  
2 x '99 Cabernet Sauvignon  
1 x Rutherglen Muscat  
1 x Rutherglen Tokay

**\$115 plus freight**

# Season's Greetings from ...



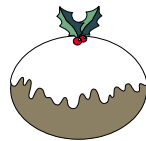
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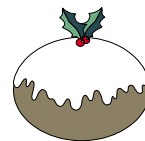
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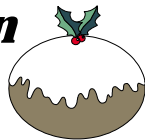
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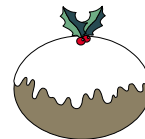
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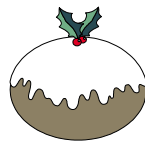
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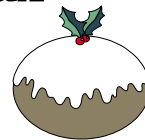
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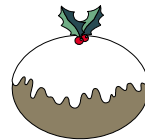
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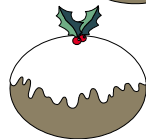
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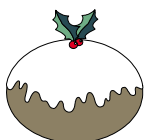
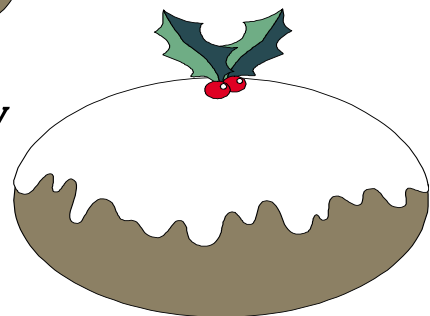
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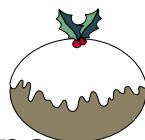
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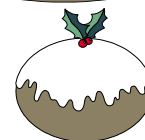
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## •New Wine/Vintage /Price Cellar Door Price List - Summer 2002

WHITE TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
2001 Gouais .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1998 Chardonnay .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1997 Riesling .....	9.00	108.00	_____	_____
2000 Chandlers Riesling .....	7.00	70.00	_____	_____
NV Rutherglen White (Cleanskin) .....	6.00	60.00	_____	_____
2001 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet) .....	8.00	96.00	_____	_____
•2000 Lakeside White Late Harvest .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1997 Autumn White .....	9.00	108.00	_____	_____
1996 Botrytis Tokay (375ml).....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
•2000 Botrytis Tokay (375ml).....	13.00	156.00	_____	_____
•2000 Botrytis Tokay .....	22.00	264.00	_____	_____

RED TABLE WINES	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
2001 Vidals Rosé.....	7.00	84.00	_____	_____
1999 Rosewood Red (Cleanskin) .....	7.00	70.00	_____	_____
1999 Cabernet Sauvignon .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1998 Blue Imperial.....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1999 Shiraz & Blue Imperial .....	8.50	102.00	_____	_____
•2000 Shiraz .....	11.00	132.00	_____	_____
NV Rutherglen Red .....	8.50	102.00	_____	_____

FORTIFIED TABLE WINES	Bottle	Flagon	Qty	Total
Dry Flor.....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
Oloroso .....	13.00		_____	_____
Cream Sherry .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
OI-Vol Muscadelle (375ml).....	20.00		_____	_____
Vol (Muscadelle) .....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
Rutherglen Tokay .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
Rutherglen Muscat.....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
2001 Walnut Muscat.....	15.00		_____	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	9.50	19.00	_____	_____
1998 Vintage Ruby (Port) .....	9.50		_____	_____
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port) .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
1993 LBV (Late bottled Vintage Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
1993 Old Cellar Vintage Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
1994 Walnut Red (Port).....	15.00		_____	_____
Old Tawny (Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
Old Vine Muscadelle .....	20.00		_____	_____

LIMITED RELEASES — subject to availability	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
Amontillado (375ml) .....	11.00		_____	_____
Grand (Special) Muscat (375ml) .....	40.00		_____	_____
1998 Cabernet Sauvignon (Limited Stock).....	15.00	180.00	_____	_____
1998 Shiraz (Limited Stock) .....	15.00	180.00	_____	_____

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CLUB MEMBERS ONLY SPECIALS	Bottle \$	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
Rudolph's Red .....		150.00	_____	_____
Cupid's Cracker Crate .....		65.00	_____	_____
Dasher's Delight .....		145.00	_____	_____
Blitzen's Best.....		145.00	_____	_____
North Pole Party Pack.....		115.00	_____	_____
BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES	Per Ltr 26 Ltr			
Dry Red .....	5.50	143.00	_____	_____
Dry White.....	3.50	91.00	_____	_____
Rutherglen Tokay .....	12.00	312.00	_____	_____
Rutherglen Muscat.....	12.00	312.00	_____	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	6.50	169.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	8.50	221.00	_____	_____
Mt. Carmel (Liqueur Port).....	12.00	312.00	_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry) .....	6.50	169.00	_____	_____

### N.B. \$10 security deposit on containers

**SUB TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLUS FREIGHT \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL DUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### FREIGHT COSTS

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$	6Plus Each
<b>Adelaide</b>	11.85	19.80	26.60	33.40	42.35
<b>Brisbane</b>	15.70	26.60	36.80	48.10	59.45
<b>Canberra</b>	10.70	16.40	22.05	27.70	32.25
<b>Melbourne</b>	13.20	17.60	22.00	27.50	31.90
<b>Vic-Country</b>	11.85	19.80	26.60	33.40	42.35
<b>Sydney</b>	10.70	17.50	23.20	30.00	35.65
<b>NSW-Rural</b>	13.00	20.90	27.70	34.50	42.45
<b>Perth</b>	28.85	45.85	62.85	79.85	95.70
<b>Gold Coast</b>	17.50	28.85	40.20	50.40	61.70

**Freight rates approximately only - Specific prices on application**

**Minimum Mail Order:** 12 bottles - can be mixed wines.

**Flagons:** Must be either 4 or 6 to a carton. Payment must be forwarded with the order. Prices may vary without notice. Title for the goods sold by us passes only on receipt of payment in full.

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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