

# CHAMBERS

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*Do you remember how we used to count the number of 'sleeps' until Christmas and how the days absolutely dragged by?*



*How things change hey! Now the days seem to be turbo charged with absolutely no regard for all those good intentions to be better organised this year.*



*Time, as usual, is zooming along here in Rutherglen as we expect it is wherever you are!*



*Plans to buy gifts during the year and to have all the cards and letters written by the end of November are already well and truly beyond achievable.*



*That vision of lurking about with a smug sense of satisfaction and a chilled glass of something festive is fading fast.*

*But never mind, things will all happen in their own good time, so the only thing to do is to stop stressing. Hopefully we will be able to supply some helpful suggestions and a bit of fun for you.*



*If you are fortunate enough to be on schedule, please spare a thought for those of us who are still floundering as you sit back relaxing.*



*As always we are very appreciative of your custom throughout the year. We are truly blessed to have such loyal support from not only those who have become friends, but also the many, many new customers we are getting to know.*



*Our best Aussie wishes to you and your loved ones wherever you may be for the Christmas and New Year season.*



*May the year ahead bring abundant good health, happiness and perhaps more importantly than ever, peace to our world.*



## WARNING:

The consumption of alcohol may make you think you can logically converse with members of the opposite sex without spitting.



**Our local distributor Fonz Row entertained Bill and Wendy Chambers during their recent promotional visit to Singapore.**

## MORE INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM

We have had some more very exciting news from America where our fortified wines have again found great favour.

Chambers Rosewood was named amongst the 100 International Wineries of the Year in the November issue of the American 'Wine & Spirits' magazine, which enjoys a circulation of 88,000.

In spite of our winemaker, Stephen Chambers, being unable to attend an official function with top sommeliers and wine writers, it was a great honour to be included with such an eminent group.

*As you have probably noticed, life is not as simple as it used to be, and you may find the following anonymous legalese useful if you want to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" without fear of offending anyone.*

*From me ("the wishor) to you ("the wishee") please accept without obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, politically correct, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, celebration of the summer solstice holiday, practised within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.*

## WHO'S WHO CONTINUED

Lyn often greets visitors at the cellar door but as our production manager she is mostly concerned with bottling and labelling the wine. She's a very crafty forklift operator and shares the sporting interests of her young family.



**Lyn Fleming**



Born and bred in Rutherglen Kathy has been with us for 9 years now. She is a very active member of our community helping to raise funds for our local Scouts and is also the best Nan to Tylan.

**Kath Landers**

Affectionately known as "The Pom" Nick is a very busy man as he combines working at the cellar door with farming, church and Cub Scout commitments. On top of this he and wife Jane have five delightful children so they must be very well organised.



**Nick Taylor**

## DOES IT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS?



*Just a hint of salt gently wispt on the breeze as it passes Prime Seal Island before running around Arthurs Bay (Tasmania), a glorious sunset, two glasses and the one you love.*

## **SUPER SEASONAL SPECIALS**

**Please note:  
Cut off date to ensure Christmas  
delivery - Monday 18 December**

### **RUDOLPH'S REDS**

2 bottles x '96 Shiraz  
2 bottles x '96 Cabernet Sauvignon  
2 bottles x '96 Blue Imperial  
2 bottles x '98 Shiraz  
2 bottles x '98 Cabernet Sauvignon  
2 bottles x '98 Blue Imperial

**\$220 plus freight**

### **SUMMER SWEETIES**

4 bottles x '06 Light Muscat  
4 bottles x '06 Bill's Ambrosia  
4 bottles x '05 Walnut Muscat

**\$135 plus freight**

### **SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS**

5 bottles x '02 Rosewood Riesling  
5 bottles x '03 Merlot  
2 bottles x '00 Sparkling Shiraz

**\$105 plus freight**

### **ELVES RULE**

4 bottles x '02 Gouais  
4 bottles x '03 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse)  
1 bottle x Sparkling Shiraz  
1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscat  
1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscadelle (Tokay)  
1 bottle x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)

**\$150 plus freight**

### **PARTY IN A PACK**

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

**\$55 plus freight**

### **LIMITED STOCK:**

2006 Bill's Ambrosia  
2001 Shiraz Blue Imperial  
2002 Rosewood Riesling  
2001 Shiraz  
2003 Anton Ruche  
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (American Oak)  
2002 Old Cellar Vintage Port

### **NEW WINES**

2003 Riesling  
2000 Chardonnay  
2006 Roussanne

**Erin Go Brag!!!**



## **IRELAND FOREVER DINNER**

**Saturday 17 March 2007  
7 for 7.30pm**

Keeping in mind that anyone who kisses the blarney stone is said to be blessed with the Irish "gift of gab," you may be pleasantly surprised to learn that a wee part of Ireland will be coming to Rutherglen next St Patrick's Day.

Yes! We are delighted that Chambers Rosewood has been selected by the Ancient Order of Leprechauns to host a special dinner with plenty of delicious food, wine and of course devilish fun and frivolity. Wear something green and receive a blessing from our local Leprechaun.

Traditional Irish fare with an interesting twist  
\$65 p/p (inc Food & Wine)

Chambers Rosewood Cellar Door  
Barkly Street, Rutherglen

Ring Laurie on 02 6032 8641  
to reserve your seats

*Bookings essential*

## **FINO BY ANY OTHER NAME**

Many of us still harbour vivid memories of taking an illicit swig of our Gran's sherry as youngsters, with the resolve to never try it again. You may however be pleasantly surprised if you are brave enough to have another look.

Fans of our Fino sherry, a light easy drinking style to serve lightly chilled before dinner enhances the appetite by stimulating the digestive juices.

Look out for it next time you are at the cellar door with its new Fine Dry Flor label which brings it into line with international naming requirements.

You may be surprised to know that you can find us on the web! We don't have a purchasing facility available as yet but you can download the latest edition of our newsletters and details of any events at our website [www.chambersrosewood.com.au](http://www.chambersrosewood.com.au)

## TASTES OF RUTHERGLEN FESTIVAL

Yes, our Tastes of Rutherglen festival is just around the corner so make sure you put some time aside to join us next vintage!

This festival is your opportunity to sample the wines of 19 different Rutherglen wineries matched to specially prepared dishes.

The region's chefs and winemakers work together to highlight the very best we have to offer.

Instead of purchasing an entire bottle of wine, you can experiment with an array of food and wine options. Explore new taste sensations or go with old favourites to find what suits your taste exactly.

Festival participants purchase a special commemorative glass (for \$5) which provides entrance to all 19 wineries.

You can then purchase delicious entrée sized savoury dishes matched with a glass of wine for \$18.

On Sunday the 11th March, 2007 and the following Sunday, we are featuring our newly released 2002 Shiraz. It will be served with tender strips of locally produced Moroccan spiced kid over a celeriac and olive frittata with home baked sour dough bread.

Or, if desserts are more your speed, you'll pay just \$15 for our stunning caramel pear dish with something "fabulous, frozen and fortified."

We will be serving dessert on both Saturday the 10th and Saturday 17th of March, 2007.

You can either download the colourful Tastes brochure from [www.rutherglencvic.com](http://www.rutherglencvic.com) or simply see what takes your fancy when you pick up your Tastes glass and brochure at any local winery.

Kick your heels up and burn off some calories or just relax and enjoy the music of our regular festival musicians, Hans and Gordon. They go by the name of 2FM (which stands for Two Fat Men) and will, as usual, put on a great show between noon and 5pm on the Saturdays and Sundays of the festival.

'Mini mice & Mighty Monsters' is the theme for our Junior Art Competition and we're expecting some interesting entries from our young artists.

Don't forget to lodge a vote for your favourite piece on the popular choice form!

## CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET?

'Exotic' is not normally a word you would associate with Chambers Rosewood but our Moroccan themed cuisine has certainly set our creative energies buzzing so be ready for some surprises. Without giving too much away....I can reveal that we are presenting something very different at this festival.

## LET US BARBEQUE

*(Sung to the tune of Advance Australia Fair)*

*Australians let us Barbeque*

*For Christmas time is here*

*We've Christmas pud and t-bone steaks*

*And slabs of ginger beer*

*We've gone and got the relies round*

*And we'll all have a ball*

*So let's kick back and have ourselves*

*A Yuletide free-for-all*

*Our forebears came from distant shores*

*To set this party up*

*So we could dine with paper plate*

*and polystyrene cup*

*On patterned plastic table cloth*

*We'll eat our Christmas pies*

*If our forebears could see us now*

*They'd not believe their eyes*

*Across this land in summer sun*

*In backyards small and great*

*We'll raise our voice in one accord*

*With "Merry Christmas Mate!"*

*In outback heat and city street*

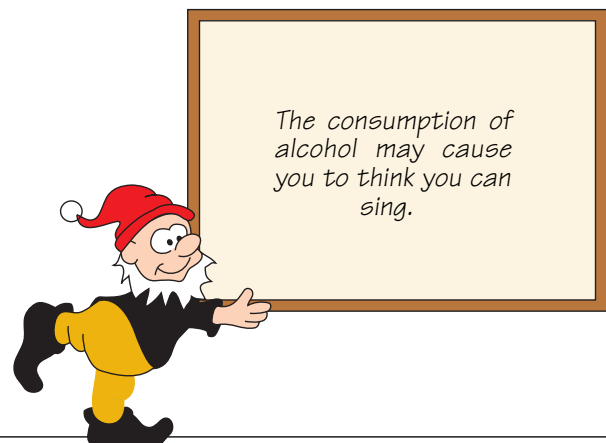
*And all points in between*

*Come join with us and celebrate*

*This Aussie Christmas scene!*

*With sausages and coleslaw too*

*Then let us Barbeque.*





## THE BIG CHILL

With all the expectations of a hot summer ahead, we thought it timely to remind you about serving wine during the warmer months.

This is a slightly different slant on the warm the tele and chill the beer theme 'Norm' made popular in those old TV commercials.

Well before you fire up the barby on a hot day, throw your bottle of red wine in with those juicy steaks resting in your refrigerator!

Yes, I know, it seems a bit odd, but when you understand the instruction to "serve at room temperature" refers to a European room, you'll realise this is sound advice.

Even when you are at a restaurant don't be afraid to ask for an ice bucket if you want to enjoy red wine without the elevated tannins and alcohol found in warm wine.

It's common practice in Europe to add water or a handful of ice to a jug of wine, served at lunchtime.

On the other hand, white wine is often served way too cold. This is why you may have noticed that the bouquet and flavours become more evident as it warms in the glass.

## THE CHAMBERS CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE



*If you missed the Chambers Chocolate Challenge you missed a great event! This night of indulgence was an opportunity to taste ten different chocolates with a dozen different wines and foods while Chocolatier Thomas Schnetzler presented a selection from the famous Swiss Lindt Sprüngli range*

## THE 'R' WORD

Resveratrol, a special antioxidant found in red wine is in the headlines yet again as scientists find even more potential of its health benefits.

It may well be that these new findings from experiments conducted on mice will eventually show that humans can literally have their cake and eat it!

Researchers found that while mice fed on a high calorie diet supplemented with Resveratrol did not lose weight, they did live longer, more active and happier lives.

Even though most of us would prefer not to be associated with mice in any way, this evolutionary link to them could prove to be very advantageous.

Wouldn't it be nice if the scientists do find more reasons for us to enjoy modest amounts of wine without having to sacrifice so many calories?



*The consumption of alcohol may create the illusion that you are tougher, smarter, faster and better looking than most people.*

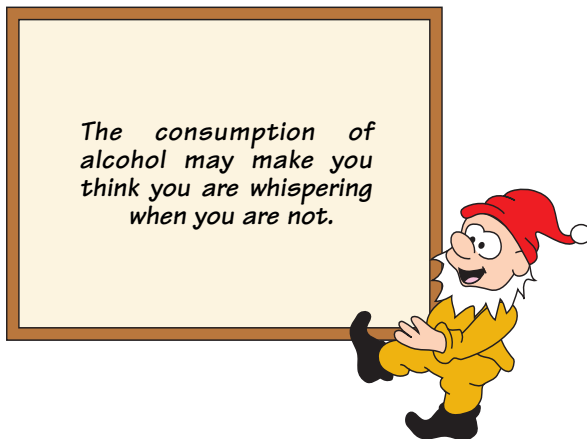
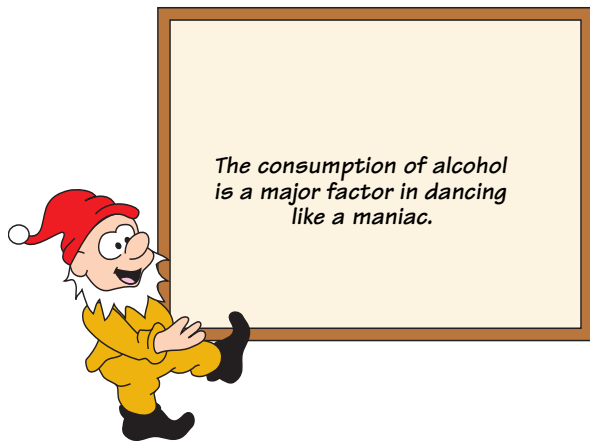
## NEW PRODUCT

This variety has "a whole lot of presumption" says Bill when talking of Durif which is often also described as a variety "with attitude." The word conjures up all sorts of adjectives to convey the powerful, full flavours for which this wine is known.

These are the very characteristics that Stephen has harnessed to produce Chambers Rosewood's first ever vintage Durif Port.

After seeing some aged Durif Ports, particularly Gayfers, and realising that traditional Australian Ports, prior to 1970, were most likely made without the addition of acid. It was decided to make a truly traditional Australian Port. The resulting wine shows the rich chocolaty aromas combined with a generous palate with firm tannins.

With only limited stocks available, we expect the 2005 Durif Port to become a bit of a collectors item (as it picked up a silver medal at the recent Rutherglen Wine Show) and will round out our stable of port wines very nicely.



## COMING EVENTS

### ● TASTES OF RUTHERGLEN FESTIVAL

10-11 March 2007

17-18 March 2007

### ● FLORAL SPECTACULAR

17-18 March 2007

St Stephen's Anglican Church in High Street, Rutherglen comes alive with a spectacular representation 'Trees and flowers of the Bible'

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

As we do not charge a subscription fee, electronic delivery is our preferred distribution method for your Chambers newsletter. If you have email facilities please consider changing over as it is quicker and of course much less expensive.

If you previously received your newsletter via email but now receive it through the Post it could be that we were unable to get through to you because you have changed ISP (Internet Service Providers).

Please drop Roberta an email if this has happened to you. Include your street and delivery address plus telephone contact numbers and she will happily amend your details on our database.

You will need Acrobat Reader, which is available for free download at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) to open our files as they are transmitted as a PDF file.



Regular cellar door visitors Maurie Fabricant and Brian Jenny organising their bulk wine order with Laurie Richards, our cellar door manager.

The name Saffron Walden, may not ring any bells for you. Nor may Sandyford Vineyard. You may not even be aware that this Essex based winery is poised to join the growing number of producers of very good English sparkling wine. And you thought there were no good aspects of global warming!

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## CELLAR DOOR PRICE LIST - Christmas 2006

\* Low Stock

	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
<b>WHITE TABLE WINES</b>				
	\$	\$		\$
NV Rosewood White .....	5.00	50.00	_____	_____
2002 Muscadelle & Chasselas.....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
●2006 Roussanne .....	10.00	120.00	_____	_____
●2003 Riesling .....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2002 Gouais.....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
●2000 Chardonnay.....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
*2002 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet).....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2001 Late Harvest .....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2005 Light Muscat.....	13.00	156.00	_____	_____
●2002 Autumn White.....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
<b>RED TABLE WINES</b>				
	Bottle	Dozen		
NV Rosewood Red (Cleanskin).....	6.00	60.00	_____	_____
*2006 Bill's Ambrosia.....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
*2001 Shiraz & Blue Imperial .....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
●2002 Blue Imperial .....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
*2001 Shiraz .....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
*2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (American Oak) .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
2003 Merlot .....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
*2003 Anton Ruche Shiraz Mondeuse.....	15.00	180.00	_____	_____
2000 Sparkling Shiraz .....	16.00	192.00	_____	_____
<b>FORTIFIED WINES</b>				
	Bottle	Flagon		
Fine Dry Flor (Fino Sherry) .....	10.00		_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry) .....	9.00	18.00	_____	_____
Oloroso (Sherry) .....	13.00		_____	_____
Cream (Sherry) .....	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	9.50	19.00	_____	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
●Rosewood Old Tawny (Port) .....	20.00		_____	_____
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port) .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
1998 Vintage Ruby (Port) .....	10.00		_____	_____
*2002 Old Cellar (Vintage Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
2005 Walnut Muscat.....	16.00		_____	_____
●2005 Durif Vintage Port.....	15.00		_____	_____
2004 Walnut Red .....	15.00		_____	_____
Muscat (Rutherglen).....	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
Tokay/Muscadelle (Rutherglen) .....	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
<b>LIMITED RELEASES — subject to availability</b>				
	Bottle	Dozen		
NV Amontillado (375ml).....	15.00		_____	_____
NV Old Vine Muscadelle (375ml) .....	40.00		_____	_____
NV Grand (Special) Muscat (375ml).....	50.00		_____	_____
<b>SPECIAL DEALS</b>				
		\$		\$
Rudolph's Reds .....		220.00	_____	_____
Summer Sweeties .....		135.00	_____	_____
Santa's Little Helpers .....		105.00	_____	_____
Elves Rule .....		150.00	_____	_____
Party in a Pack.....		55.00	_____	_____

**SUB TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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	..... Per Ltr	Dozen 26 Ltr	Qty	Total
<b>BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES</b>				
Dry Red .....	4.00	104.00	_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry) .....	7.50	195.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	8.50	221.00	_____	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	6.50	169.00	_____	_____
Muscat .....	14.00	364.00	_____	_____
Tokay/Muscadelle .....	14.00	364.00	_____	_____
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port) .....	12.00	312.00	_____	_____

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

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

### PLEASE NOTE NEW FREIGHT RATES

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$
<b>Adelaide</b>	11.90	23.50	35.20	46.80
<b>Brisbane</b>	15.30	30.30	45.40	60.40
<b>Canberra</b>	12.80	25.30	37.90	50.40
<b>Melbourne</b>	11.00	21.00	31.40	41.80
<b>Vic-Country</b>	12.60	25.00	37.40	49.80
<b>Sydney</b>	12.90	25.50	38.20	50.80
<b>NSW-Rural</b>	14.80	29.30	43.90	58.40
<b>Perth</b>	24.60	48.90	73.30	97.60
<b>Gold Coast</b>	15.60	31.00	46.40	61.80
<b>Tasmania</b>	22.40	44.60	66.80	89.00

**Freight rates approximate 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.

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

**Would you like to have your name added to our mailing list?**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Delivery Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Cheque/Money Order     Bankcard     Mastercard     Visa Card

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. I certify that I am 18 years or older Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_