

150th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

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MORE FESTIVAL FUN!

Phew!! What with Easter coming hard on the heels of two weekends of festival, a very short Victorian school term and the New South Wales school holidays, we've had a busy time at the cellar door.

As expected, our scrumptious Tastes of Rutherglen offerings were a real hit and we were not at all surprised to see the same faces on both the Saturday and the Sunday!

Make a stand and refuse to believe that such delicious treats are indulgent and not good for you! Surely flavours that make your heart sing and bring back memories of your childhood can't be all bad.....as long as you ate all the rhubarb, apple, pear and berries we are certain you have absolutely nothing to worry about.

Looks like Louisa Morris Cakes will be back next year by popular demand so if you have not experienced Rutherglen during autumn, you might like to think about joining us next time.



TASTES OF RUTHERGLEN



"In victory, you deserve Champagne, in defeat, you need it." Napoleon Bonaparte



Hi - my name's Paws, I'm a moose from Massachusetts, USA. Two grade 3 students at Cambridge Friends School sent me off on a huge adventure, to see as much of the world as I could cover. I have already travelled to the UK, then on to France, Macau, Hong Kong and New Zealand. I popped in to Chambers Rosewood while I was Rutherglen....who knows where I'll end up before I have to return home in May.

CELLAR DOOR DRAW WINNER

D. MacDonnell of Dandenong North is the lucky winner of our Winter draw. Please contact us and we will make arrangements to send a special treat your way.

There's a little notebook next to the cash register in which to record your name, suburb and postcode when you visit us. Please remember to always record your details when you're in the cellar door and you never know....the postman might just have a parcel for you.

DID YOU KNOW...

- On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.
- That you are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider.
- Primates peel their bananas from the other end so they don't get the stringy bits.

You may have noticed we no longer use the term 'Tokay' to describe one of our most popular fortified wine styles. More than 100 years ago it was confused with a similar wine from Hungary but, in line with a directive from Brussels, it is now known as Muscadelle, the correct name of the grape variety we use.

Have you ever wondered why you sometimes see the word 'Tokaj' and other times it's written as 'Tokaji' on bottles of this delicious wine? The extra letter at the end, the 'i', designates it as originating from the famous region of Tokaj-Hegyalja in Hungary.

ONE OF BILL'S FAVOURITES....

A priest and a rabbi were sitting next to each other on an airplane. After a while, the priest turned to the rabbi and asked, "Is it still a requirement of your faith that you not eat pork?" The rabbi responded, "Yes, that is still one of our beliefs." The priest then asked, "Have you ever eaten pork?" To which the rabbi replied, "Yes, on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted a ham sandwich." The priest nodded in understanding and went on with his reading. A while later, the rabbi spoke up and asked the priest, "Father, is it still a requirement of your church that you remain celibate?" The priest replied, "Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith." The rabbi then asked him, "Father, have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?" The priest replied, "Yes, rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke with my faith, before I took my orders of course." The rabbi nodded understandingly and remained silent, thinking, for about five minutes. Finally, the rabbi said, "Beats a ham sandwich, doesn't it?"



Margaret and Graham Brown were delighted to find some familiar labels at the Wine Merchant's Cellars in Clitheroe during their recent tour of England.

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We are very grateful to all those subscribers who have changed over to the electronic version of our newsletter.

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**WINERY WALKABOUT
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
JUNE 7 - 9**

This festival is all about having fun!
Participating Rutherglen wineries welcome you to indulge in some fabulous wine, food and music.
While many people wouldn't dream of missing this event, it is also a great opportunity to explore the great things available in this region.
To participate in the festival you will need to purchase the official Walkabout glass and holder for just \$20 which gives you access to each cellar door. Even if the weather is cool, as it often is, we have some beaut warming reds and fortified wines for you to sample. We have a very extensive range including some you may not have seen before.
Talking about goodies....the incredibly popular South Melbourne Market Dim Sims will have star billing on the Lions Club of Kiewa Tangambalanga's brand new menu! There will also be a snazzy selection of soon to be famous hot dogs.
Our lovely coffee stall people, Carol and Richard, will have their freshly brewed hot drinks and a few extra treats this year.
On Sunday morning join us here at 'Chateau Lysaght' for our great CHALLENGERS BRUNCH – any time after 10am will do for an ideal way to kick off your day, and it is a bargain at just \$10.
Please give us a quick ring or drop us an email if you are coming with a group so we can organise our catering.

**DON'T MISS THE
CHAMBERS CHALLENGE**

Make sure you allow enough time to have some fun with this year's CHAMBERS CHALLENGE as we are presenting some new features for challengers this year. There are physical, mental and sensory components so come and test yourself as you enjoy this free and entertaining way to learn about wine. We'll give you plenty of clues to help you use your eyes, your nose and your tastebuds. Get it right and we'll give you a prize!
Our regular festival musicians, the Bull Plain Riders will blow away any cobwebs when they fire up at noon on the Saturday and Sunday to get us all singing and dancing.

When travelling from Melbourne to Rutherglen stay on the Freeway until you get to the Springhurst exit.

SESQUICENTENARY [*Ses-qwi-sen-ten-ary*]

Yes, it's quite a mouthful isn't it but this is the name given to a 150th anniversary. It was a very long time ago when the Chambers forefathers leased the land and set up business here at Rosewood we need you to help us mark this special occasion.

OPEN A BOTTLE WITH US

We invite you, wherever you may be, to share our 150th anniversary by opening a favourite bottle (hopefully Chambers) on Saturday 16 August 2008.



As we are putting together a time capsule to commemorate this special year, we would be delighted to receive photographs of you and your family and friends drinking a special toast to our continuing association.

• Saturday August 16

SESQUICENTENNIAL DINNER CELEBRATION

Join the Chambers family to celebrate 150 years in Rutherglen. Dine, dance, sing or just sit and reminisce while you enjoy our entertainment. 7.00 for 7.30pm. Complimentary wines with other drinks at bar prices. Memorial Hall, High Street, Rutherglen. Booking essential 02 6032 8641 (any special dietary needs please advise)

COMING EVENTS

• Saturday July 12

ANNUAL CHORAL DINNER

Lords and ladies put on your bow ties or sparkle up your tiaras to share an evening of Medieval music and feasting at our rustic Rosewood cellars. The Wangaratta Choristers will supply the music and our local wenches will serve you traditional fare. \$60 pp All inclusive 6.30 for 7pm Bookings essential 02 6032 8641 (any special dietary needs please advise)

• Thursday September 18

SPRING LUNCHEON - Entry \$10

Anglican Mothers Union of St Stephens Church Spring luncheon in the delightful gardens of the Rosewood homestead. Art exhibition and stalls.

• Sunday 2 November

ADD THIS DATE TO YOUR DIARY TO CELEBRATE THE SESQUICENTENARY

Family Picnic at Rosewood Winery for descendants of the first William Chambers and for past and present employees. BYO food and complimentary wine. If possible please advise us on 02 6032 8641, nearer the date, if you are able to come.

VINTAGE 2008

Short, sharp and shiny is probably a good way to describe this vintage.

Following a run of very hot days our trusty band of workers headed out to commence picking the Muscat in late January. We all had a bit of a surprise when, at the end of February, there was a fall of snow in the nearby alps! We've almost become accustomed to frost, fire and drought so we started to wonder what was going to happen next. We didn't have to wait long... we received a salient lesson that the good Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways. Before the forecast heavy showers, the vineyard was zapped with lightning and the mechanical harvester blew a tyre. It was, after all, Good Friday!

A contract harvester had to be called in to get the remaining fruit and we are still awaiting replacement tyres and a very hefty invoice. That rather large blue 'parcel' you will see out in the vineyards as you travel down Barkly Street is the hapless mechanical harvester.

Stephen was happy to report that although vintage was "bloody hot and quick" his baby daughter Zara assisted with the making of Bill's Ambrosia.

NEW RELEASES

• 2007 Durif

With three stars from WineState already under its belt, this is definitely a wine on which you will want to keep an eye. Subtlety and Durif are not often found in the same sentence but this well balanced red offers almost endless food matching possibilities. Debuting after nine months in oak, this new addition to our table wine line up comes with a cellaring recommendation of 5 years. My guess is however that this very approachable, yet full flavoured wine, will not gather much dust.

• 2007 Roussanne

Another good food wine! Crisp acids and juicy pear flavours to enjoy with poultry, particularly chicken. There's also a nice touch of oak to compliment seafood, salads and pasta dishes.

• 2008 Bill's Ambrosia

Fans of this very popular style will be pleased to know it is now available again.

• 2007 Chardonnay

Pale golden/straw colours with the fresh flavours of peach and melon beautifully balanced with the buttery tones picked up during its time in French oak. Good acid structure, ripe characters and a lively palate should keep this one up to speed for at least another 5 years.

• 2007 Shiraz

Swirl your glass, check out the deep crimson and purple hues of this richly coloured wine then take a moment to savour the wonderful ripe plum fruit characters. Plenty of rich, full flavours and firm tannins to help it age for up to 10 years.

WINTER SPECIALS

Expires 31/8/08 unless sold out before

• SUNSHINE SPECIAL

4 bottles x '01 Late Harvest
4 bottles x '07 Light Muscat
4 bottles x '02 Autumn White

\$105 plus freight

• CODE RED

3 bottles x '02 Shiraz Cabernet
3 bottles x '02 Cabernet Sauvignon
3 bottles x '02 Blue Imperial
3 bottles x '04 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse)

\$130 plus freight

• FORTIFIED TO THE HILT

1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscat
1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscadelle (Tokay)
1 bottle x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)
1 bottle x 2004 Walnut Red
1 bottle x 2005 Walnut Muscat
1 bottle x 2003 Old Cellar Vintage (Port)

\$85 plus freight

• MELLOW MOMENTS

1 flagon x Muscat
1 flagon x Muscadelle
1 flagon x Tawny (Port)
1 flagon x Ruby (Port)

\$101 plus freight

• THE SUPER 007 PACK

3 bottle x '07 Chardonnay*
3 bottle x '07 Shiraz*
3 bottle x '07 Roussanne
3 bottle x '07 Durif

\$180 plus freight

***Only Available in this special pack**

N.B. Limited Stock:

2002 Gouais

We were dressed and ready to go out for the New Years Eve Party. We turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard. We phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house.

The cat we put out in the yard, scoots back into the house. We didn't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to eat the bird.

My wife goes out to the taxi, while I go inside to get the cat. The cat runs upstairs, with me in hot pursuit. Waiting in the cab, my wife doesn't want the driver to know that the house will be empty for the night. So, she explains to the taxi driver that I will be out soon, 'He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.'

A few minutes later, I get into the cab. 'Sorry I took so long,' I said, as we drove away. 'That stupid bitch was hiding under the bed. Had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!' The cab driver hit a parked car...

CHAMBERS ROSEWOOD VINEYARDS

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• **New Wine/Vintage/Price**
* **Low Stock**

Cellar Door Price List - Winter 2008

	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
WHITE TABLE WINES				
	\$	\$		\$
NV Rosewood White (Cleanskin)	5.00	50.00	_____	_____
2002 Muscadelle & Chasselas.....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2004 Riesling	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
*2002 Gouais	12.00	120.00	_____	_____
2000 Chardonnay.....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2005 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet)	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2001 Late Harvest	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2007 Light Muscat.....	13.00	156.00	_____	_____
2002 Autumn White	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
•2007 Roussanne.....	15.00	150.00	_____	_____
RED TABLE WINES				
	Bottle	Dozen		
•NV Rosewood Red (Cleanskin)	5.00	50.00	_____	_____
•2008 Bill's Ambrosia	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2002 Shiraz & Blue Imperial	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2002 Shiraz Cabernet	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
2002 Shiraz & Blue Imperial	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2002 Blue Imperial.....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
•2007 Durif	15.00	180.00	_____	_____
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (French Oak).....	12.00	120.00	_____	_____
2004 Cabernet Merlot	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
2004 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse).....	16.00	192.00	_____	_____
2004 Sparkling Shiraz	17.00	204.00	_____	_____
FORTIFIED TABLE WINES				
	Bottle	Flagon		
Fine Dry Flor (Fino Sherry)	10.00		_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry)	9.00	18.00	_____	_____
•Oloroso (Sherry).....	15.00		_____	_____
•Cream (Sherry)	16.00	33.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port)	9.50	19.00	_____	_____
Tawny (Port)	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
Rosewood Old Tawny (Port).....	20.00		_____	_____
•Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
•1999 Vintage (Port)	10.00		_____	_____
2003 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)	15.00		_____	_____
2005 Walnut Muscat.....	16.00		_____	_____
2004 Walnut Red	15.00		_____	_____
•Muscat (Rutherglen)	16.00	33.00	_____	_____
•Tokay/Muscadelle (Rutherglen)	16.00	33.00	_____	_____
LIMITED RELEASES — subject to availability				
	Bottle	Dozen		
NV Amontillado (375ml).....	15.00		_____	_____
NV Old Vine Muscadelle (375ml)	40.00		_____	_____
NV Grand (Special) Muscat (375ml).....	50.00		_____	_____
WINTER DEALS				
		\$		\$
Sunshine Special		105.00	_____	_____
Code Red.....		130.00	_____	_____
Fortified to the Hilt		85.00	_____	_____
Mellow Moments.....		101.00	_____	_____
The Super 007 Pack.....		180.00	_____	_____

SUB TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____

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	Dozen	Qty	Total
BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES	Per Ltr	26 Ltr		
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

**NEW FREIGHT RATES
NOW APPLY**

SUB TOTAL \$ _____
PLUS FREIGHT \$ _____
TOTAL DUE \$ _____

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$
Adelaide	12.40	24.00	35.70	47.30
Brisbane	15.80	30.80	45.90	60.90
Canberra	13.30	25.80	38.40	50.90
Melbourne	11.50	21.50	31.90	42.30
Vic-Country	13.10	25.50	37.90	50.30
Sydney	13.40	26.00	38.70	51.30
NSW-Rural	15.30	29.80	44.40	58.90
Perth	25.10	49.40	73.80	98.10
Gold Coast	16.10	31.50	46.90	62.30
Tasmania	22.90	45.10	67.30	89.50

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: