

Chambers

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CHEERS!! TO US AND TO YOU

As 2008 is a very special year for us, our 150th birthday, we will of course be raising the odd glass to mark the occasion!

We fully appreciate however that it is you, our customers, who have helped us maintain this business over all these years and who will hopefully join us as we embrace the future.

It is wonderful to enjoy such long standing associations. We have had the pleasure of serving the grandparents, the parents and now the children and grandchildren of a host of different families locally and around the world.

There is a very definite common thread in the stories cellar door visitors relate if they haven't been here for a long time. Invariably they have very clear recollections of tasting outside under the verandah. And there, amongst the plastic tasting glasses, a sign carefully crafted by one of the children that read 'Help yourself - Whites in the Frig.'

When added to all the new faces we constantly see at our cellar door, we are very optimistic; not only about the future but also of the vital role our customers have played in creating our history.

Chambers Rosewood may not be a flash place but it is undeniably memorable! It seems that our commitment to providing good wine, reasonable prices and excellent service is in tune with your needs, so this is how we will continue.

The Chambers family and staff members would like to thank you most sincerely for your support, for valuing our efforts and perhaps most importantly, your continual loyalty!



"Let me live to praise thee"

"I trow that ye have drunken win of ape"—i.e. wine to make you drunk; in French, vin de singe. There is a Talmud parable which says that Satan came one day to drink with Noah, and slew a lamb, a lion, a pig, and an ape, to teach Noah that man before wine is in him is a lamb, when he drinks moderately he is a lion, when like a sot he is a swine, but after that any further excess makes him an ape that senselessly chatters and jabbars. (Chaucer).

IN THE YEAR 1858...

- Sir Henry Barkly was the Governor of Victoria
- The first game of Australian rules football was played between Melbourne Grammar School and Scotch College.
- Princess Royal Victoria married Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm
- Britain imposes legal trade in opium on China.
- One penny is all you'd pay for the London Daily Telegraph newspaper.
- 'The Yellow Rose of Texas' and 'The Old Grey Mare' were popular songs.
- Haute couture clothing was introduced to Paris by Englishman Charles Frederick Worth who is also remembered for creating the crinoline.
- Portugal abolished slavery in her colonial possessions.
- Big Ben began chiming out the time.
- Henry David Thoreau pleads for "national preserves in which the bear and the panther, and some even of the hunter race may still exist, and not be civilized off the face of the earth—not for idle sport or food, but for inspiration mid our own true recreation"
- A 32 year old English engineer, John Fowler won £500 prize money for his steam-powered plough.
- The first nearly-complete skeleton of a dinosaur was found.
- The first edition of Gray's Anatomy was published in England.
- Schoolgirl Bernadette Soubirous had her first vision in the grotto at Lourdes
- The first transatlantic cable message was exchanged.
- English tobacco merchant Philip Morris opens his London cigarette factory.
- Central Park opens to the public.
- A patent was taken out on the first mechanical refrigerator.
- Schweppes Tonic Water was also patented.
- Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection was causing lots of lively debate around the world.
- The can opener was invented.
- Florence Nightingale's 'Diagram of the Causes of Mortality in the Army in the East' showed that most of the British soldiers who died during the Crimean War died of sickness rather than of their wounds.

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

How many times have you been confused, bemused or just plain boggled by descriptions on the back label of a wine bottle? If you want a laugh, take a look at the America web site 'The Silly Tasting Note Generator' where you can request silly or very silly offerings such as:

"Sturdy almost fleshy Chardonnay. Reminiscent of honey, oily prune juice and a modicum of salad. Drink now through Friday."

"Modern almost middle-aged Zinfandel. Reminiscent of cottage cheese, french-oaked opium and lingering poi. Drink now through Christmas."

"Flourished almost meandering Port. Drops of bong water, lacklustre burnt rubber and aggressive mustard."

"Overdone almost overdone red. Strong cardboard, complex and stunning vanilla and corpulent garlic. Drink now through 2006."

WE LOVE EMAIL

Many thanks to all those subscribers who now receive their newsletters via email - we greatly appreciate such a positive response to our request!

If you have been meaning to change over too, please take a few minutes to contact Roberta at chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au

The other option is to use the download feature at www.chambersrosewood.com.au where you will find the latest edition at the bottom of the home page. This will of course reduce our postage costs and enable us to continue providing this free service.

The newsletter looks much nicer in colour if you like to look at it on screen and you can always select 'Gray scale' or 'draft' in the print options if you want to conserve your printer cartridges should you wish to run it off.

CELLAR DOOR DRAW WINNER

This quarter's winner of the cellar door draw goes to M Carse. A special treat is now heading off to Shepparton with Australia Post. You too could be a winner by making sure you note your name, suburb and postcode in the notebook next to the till when visiting the cellar door. We love to know when our Chambers subscribers visit us!

REMINISCENCES

When you have such an auspicious event as a 150th anniversary looming, you really start to think about, and appreciate, what life must have been like all those years ago.

Much of the family documentation and historical information has been pieced together by Wendy Chambers. She was very pleased, in the last few weeks, to receive some new details pertaining to a pivotal character in the Chambers story.

It now seems that the young Prussian man who lived on an adjoining property and shared his wine making experience with the first generation Chambers family, did not disappear without a trace.

Although we have acknowledged him over the years when referring to his contribution to our story, we now find that we didn't even have the correct spelling for his name - he was Anton Ruch (not Ruche).

As you can imagine this is a very interesting story... a history rich in fascinating characters such as the third generation Chambers who was responsible for many early innovations laying the foundation for future generations.

There's plenty of material for a mini series but in typical Chambers style a simple booklet will be available later in the year.

Do you have some memories we could include in our 150th anniversary time capsule? Perhaps you have an amusing story you would like to share about your connection or dealings with us?

Maybe you will be moved to write a special toast or tribute to mark the occasion. You can be assured that humorous poems, salutes and tall stories will be most particularly welcomed.

These messages need not be long, much like telegrams that are read out when someone is married, so if you would care to participate, drop us a line to either PO Box 8 Rutherglen 3685, fax 02 6032 8101 or email us at chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au

Hopefully this gem from Roger and Pam Heath who now live in One Tree Hill, South Australia will prompt some ideas. "We moved to Broken Hill in 1974, so had to become mail-order customers, and I recollect quite fondly the hand-typed price lists, usually about the fifth or sixth carbon copy (and done with carbon paper that appeared to have already given sterling service)".

SESQUICENTENNIAL DINNER CELEBRATION



**Saturday
August 16 2008**

*"A once in a lifetime chance
to join in all the fun as we
celebrate Chambers Rosewood's
150 years in Rutherglen!"*

You won't be surprised to find that we have chosen a special menu from a popular local chef. This time though, Katherine Fensom of Corks & Forks is working to match her dishes to the wines Bill and Stephen have selected, rather than the other way around.

The evening, in our newly renovated Memorial Hall, will commence at 7.30pm when Canapés will be served along with a fusion of sherries, still and sparkling wines.

Without giving away too much, I can reveal that your tastebuds will be enticed with alternating dishes clearly designed to show off a pretty amazing mix of our wines - some new, some previously unseen and of course a few old favourites.

Even if you have to exist on soup and lettuce leaves for a week beforehand, please don't forsake the desserts created by Louisa Morris. Just think about all those ladies aboard the Titanic who didn't have dessert on that fateful night!

Murray Brass will provide background music while you are dining with a selection of tunes spanning the ages. Then perhaps you might like to take to the dance floor. You can always sing along or just sit and reminisce as you view the wonderful collection of visuals that will be presented throughout the evening.

As usual there will be lots of mirth and merriment, even some games and competitions for you to participate in so plan for a great time!

Cost: Canapés & 3 Course Dinner plus complimentary wines \$80 pp

When: Saturday August 16, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Venue: Memorial Hall,
High Street, Rutherglen.

RSVP: Monday 11 August

Booking essential: 02 6032 8641

**(Please advise any special dietary
needs when booking).**

COMING EVENTS

FAMILY PICNIC AT ROSEWOOD

Sunday 2 November

For descendants of the first William Chambers and for past and present employees.

BYO food - complimentary wines provided.

Please give us a quick ring on 02 6032 8641 or email chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au

FACES OF RUTHERGLEN FESTIVAL

Saturday 25 October

12.30-4.30pm

A series of guided tastings at Tuileries.

Evening of Saturday 25 October

'Inaugural' Faces Gala Dinner

Venue: Tuileries Courtyard

Sunday October 26th – All Day

A festival at all 20 participating wineries.

Enjoy our special tasting experience - our winemaker Stephen Chambers will help you explore the differences between old and new wines.

HEY KIDS . . .

In the olden days there were no computers, they communicated using a special method of dots and dashes, sent over telephone lines, called Morse Code.

Below you will find listed the code for the corresponding letters.

Send us a message using this code and the best one will win a prize.

Character	Morse	Character	Morse
A	. _	S	... _
B	_ ...	T	_
C	_ . . .	U	. . . _
D	_ . .	V	. . . _
E	.	W	. _ _
F	X	_ . . _
G	_ _ .	Y	_ . _ _
H	Z	_ _ . .
I	. .	1	. _ _ _ _
J	. _ _ _	2	. . _ _ _
K	_ . _	3	. . . _ _
L	. _ . .	4 _
M	_ _	5
N	_ .	6	_
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SPECIALS

Available until 30/9/2008
unless sold out beforehand

PERENNIAL

4 x bottles x '05 Rosewood Riesling
4 x bottles x '02 Blue Imperial
4 x bottles x '02 Cabernet Sauvignon

\$100 plus freight

CENTENNIAL

3 x bottles x '07 Chardonnay
3 x bottles x '03 Gouais
3 x bottles x '07 Shiraz
3 x bottles x '04 Sparkling Shiraz

\$160 plus freight

ESSENTIAL

1 bottle x '03 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)
1 bottle x '04 Walnut Red
1 bottle x Oloroso
1 bottle x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)
1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscat
1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscadelle (Tokay)

\$85 plus freight

FRIVOLOUS

1 Flagon x Rutherglen Muscat
1 Flagon x Rutherglen Muscadelle
1 Flagon x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)
1 Flagon x Ruby (Port)

\$116 plus freight

CRITICAL CRATE

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

\$50 plus freight

N.B. LIMITED STOCK:

2005 Walnut Muscat
2007 Durif

"Great minds discuss ideas,
average minds discuss events,
small minds discuss people."

Admiral Hyman Rickard, US Navy

Decant (de-kant): To gently transfer wine into another vessel leaving the sediment behind.

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• **New Wine/Vintage/Price**

Cellar Door Price List - SPRING 2008

* **Low Stock**

	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
WHITE TABLE WINES	\$	\$		\$
NV Rosewood White	5.00	50.00	_____	_____
2002 Muscadelle & Chasselas.....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2004 Riesling	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
•2003 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	_____	_____

	Bottle	Dozen		
RED TABLE WINES				
NV Rosewood Red (Cleanskin).....	6.00	60.00	_____	_____
•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	_____	_____

	Bottle	Flagon		
FORTIFIED TABLE WINES				
Fine Dry Flor (Fino Sherry)	10.00		_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry)	9.00	18.00	_____	_____
•Oloroso (Sherry).....	15.00		_____	_____
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).....	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		\$		\$
Perennial		000.00	_____	_____
Centennial.....		000.00	_____	_____
Essential.....		000.00	_____	_____
Frivolous.....		000.00	_____	_____
Critical Crate		000.00	_____	_____

SUB TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____

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SUB TOTAL C/F \$ _____

	Dozen	Qty	Total
BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES				
	Per Ltr	26 Ltr		
•Dry Red - Available after 31 August	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: