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150 YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG



Having finally mastered the word, it's hard to know when, if ever, we'll be able to use 'sesquicentennial' in a conversation again. After all, it's not every day you celebrate a 150th anniversary.

If it is at all feasible that you may be around for our next 'significant anniversary' in 2033, you may need to start practising saying Septaquinquicentennial as this is the name given to a 175th anniversary!

Helped along by a myriad of friends, long-time and newer customers, family members and well wishers from all over the country, our special 150th dinner turned out to be a truly memorable occasion.

An intrepid hit of Murray Brass that nearly lifted the roof off urged our guests into the rose festooned main hall. As soon as we sat at the candle-lit tables it was obvious, this was not going to be an ordinary wine dinner

The crew from Forks and Corks restaurant soon got into the swing of things as soon as they heard the first strains of 'Drink, Drink, Drink' they promptly brought out the next sumptuous course.'

Then, just as we thought we could sit back and savour the wine, the food and conversations, Lazy Harry hit the stage. He had no intention of letting us off easily – before we knew it we were at "home amongst the gum trees" and making all sorts of barnyard noises.

Thankfully Don Chambers gave us a bit of a rest as he ran through an uncharacteristically high tech slide show of historical material put together by Wendy Chambers.

Stephen Chambers, our 6th generation winemaker, led us through all the wines he and Bill had selected for the evening then had no trouble stumping most of us with a secret wine during the wine options game.

Three generations of the family were at the dinner as were Bill's daughters Kay and Allison, along with three of Bill's brothers, John, Don and Jim. As you will see on page 2. the newest member of the clan, Zara, took a starring role in greeting all the other local and interstate wine-making families who attended.

Wendy Chambers also created a series of storyboards crammed with all sorts of paraphernalia to provide a fascinating snapshot of the six generations of the Chambers family who have made wine at Rosewood.

Each board offers an interesting journey with lots of old photographs, memorabilia plus typed and hand written documents showing that sometimes real life can be way more interesting than anything you could make up.

There is a copy of a beautifully scripted Deed signed by the local squatter John Foord agreeing to lease land for £84. You can find out about the halcyon days when, along with all the illegal "grog shops," Rutherglen had more than 20 licensed hotels.

Be reminded of the days when Muscat was \$2 a bottle and you could pick up a whole gallon of sherry for just \$3.

"My liver still bears the honourable scars" says one correspondent in a most entertaining letter before bemoaning the fact that "school fees are now \$266 per term."

The boards are now on display at the cellar door so if you are up this way, make a point of calling in.- In fact Wendy has gathered so much information she has produced a booklet!

Come in and see how many other local family names you can spot amongst the maps and newspaper articles and why this rustic cellar door has been referred to as "the temple of fortified wines" for such a long time.

"Everyone has to believe in something....I believe I'll have another glass of wine." Anon

50 YEARS ON THE YEAR 1908

- New York women demand voting rights and an end to sweatshops and child labour
- Christabel Pankhurst and 100,000 other Suffragists storm the English Parliament
- Non contributory old-age pensions of 5d per week are legislated for needy people over the age of 70.
- An African railway worker finds a small diamond which prompts the involvement of the world renowned De Beers business.
- Signs with the word THINK are made up for every National Cash Register office.
- The world's largest oil reservoir is found in the Middle East and 33 year old Winston Churchill is able to persuade the British to buy the concession from the Shah of Persia so they can begin commercial Petroleum production.
- The Panama Canal is under construction.
- George Schuster wins the New York-to-Paris motorcar race in 169 days driving a Thomas Flyer.
- "Stronger than a horse and easier to maintain." Was the slogan that accompanied the introduction of the Model T Ford.
- The tyres were provided by Harvey S Firestone.
- The Wright brothers win a contract to make flying machines for the U S Army Signal Corps.
- Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin makes a 12-hour flight before crashing his LZ-4 airship.
- It's a Long Way to Tipperary and Take Me Out to the Ball Game are Popular songs.
- The Olympic Games at London attract 2,666 contestants from 22 countries.
- The Boy Scouts of Britain is founded under the leadership of Boer War hero Robert Smyth Baden-Powell,
- Mother's Day is observed for the first time
- Tea bags are pioneered by a New York tea and coffee wholesaler
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is established as a division of the Justice Department

A QUICK QUIZ

If you were asked to 'look' at a 'flight' of wines how would you go about it?

For answer see page 3.



Bill Chambers with wife Wendy, son Stephen and camera-shy granddaughter Zara at the dinner.

NEW ARRIVALS

We are pleased to announce the arrival of some very sharp looking items in what Bill refers to as our "haberdashery department."

In the photo above you can see Stephen wearing one of our beautifully embroidered commemorative polo shirts (\$35) and we also have a very handy bib-style apron, with the same attractive motif, for \$25 each.

The polos are available in either the traditional poly/cotton blend or a new material called Cool Dry, which, as the name implies, keeps you comfortable in the warmer weather. An added bonus is that it doesn't need to be ironed.



The assembly line at the Gill family bulk wine bottling L to R David Gill who assures us he was actually filling the bottles - not just sitting back observing, his daughter Grace and her friend Cienna.

Wodonga Tax consultant David Gill decided to dedicate his Cabernet Sauvignon bulk wine to Hawthorn footballer Lance Franklin's 100th goal for the 2008 season.

He must be ecstatic that his team went on to win the Grand Final in a very exciting tussle with Geelong. The last time Hawthorn won the premiership was 1991 so you never know 'Buddy's Ton' may yet be listed on the stock exchange!

SPECIALS

Available until 31/12/2008 unless
of course we sell out beforehand

TOO HOT TO HANDLE

IT SEEMS PRETTY CERTAIN THAT
WE ARE IN FOR A VERY HOT SUMMER SO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GREAT DEALS
NOW AND BEAT THE HEAT

• SIPPING WITH THE STARS

4 bottles x '07 Roussanne
4 bottles x '07 Durif
2 bottles x '04 Sparkling Shiraz
1 bottle x Old Vine Muscadelle
1 bottle x Grand Muscat

\$230 plus freight

• CERTAINLY CITIUS

3 bottles x '00 Chardonnay
3 bottles x '04 Riesling
3 bottles x '02 Shiraz & Blue Imperial
3 bottles x '04 Cabernet Merlot

\$95 plus freight

• ALTIUS & ALTIUS

3 x bottles x '03 Gouais
3 x bottles x '02 Autumn White
3 x bottles x '04 Anton Ruche
1 bottle x '05 Walnut Red
1 bottle x '03 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)
1 bottle x '99 Vintage (Port)

\$140 plus freight

• FORTIUS FOR SURE

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

\$113 plus freight

• THE RED MARAUDER

4 bottles x '02 Cabernet Sauvignon
4 bottles x '04 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse)
4 bottles x '02 Shiraz Cabernet

\$120 plus freight

WALNUT MUSCAT TRAGICS PLEASE NOTE:

Sorry but you will have to wait until
March for the new vintage - we have
sold out (again).

Fine Dry Flor is discontinued until
further notice.

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Christmas and the New Year still seem a fair way off, but as this is the last newsletter for 2008, we wish to extend our warmest wishes. To all our many loyal customers who continue to support us and are really more like good friends a big thank you.

Please note that we operate on a skeleton staff over the christmas and New Year period. We cannot guarantee deliveries after Friday 19 December or before 12 January.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

The family would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful calls and congratulatory messages for our 150th – our time capsule will be very well stocked.

Pam and Roger Heath, (who also joined us for the dinner), shared some special reminiscences with us: "The impossibility of escaping from the premises without buying a recipe book, jam etc from Peggy.

The time we had to wait for the dog to deliver pups before tasting could commence.

The classic simplicity of siphoning wines from barrel to flagon, in days when food and OH&S laws were less draconian.

And of course the underlying memories of trying some great wines presented in a spirit of genuine hospitality with no hint of a hard sell."

Please note - it is not too late to send in your stories to be included in our time capsule which will be opened in 2033 on our 175th anniversary.

Quiz answer-From page 2

A 'flight' of wines has nothing to do with aeroplanes – it's just the name given to a series of wines that are tasted in a structured manner.

It could be a flight of wines from a particular area, such as a range of Rutherglen Muscats.

You may be offered a flight, of say, Rieslings over various vintages so you can assess the differences between each year. Another flight could be a range of white wines from a very dry style to team up with a fish dish through to a late picked suitable to be enjoyed with dessert.

CELLAR DOOR DRAW WINNER

We were happy to greet 'Graeme' from Essendon North recently when he called into the cellar door.

He identified himself as a Chambers subscriber by noting his name, suburb and postcode in the notebook next to the till.

If you visit, make sure you do the same and you never know, you may be as lucky as Graeme and be a winner in the quarterly draw and receive a special treat in the mail.

COMING EVENTS

• FACES OF RUTHERGLEN FESTIVAL

25 October - 26 October

An event filled weekend with each of the 19 participating wineries, presenting a range of activities for you to enjoy.

Saturday 25 October

Between 12.30 and 4.30pm:

Guided Tastings at the stunning new Tuileries Conference Centre \$40 per session or all three for \$100.

NEW FACES New varieties and wine styles

RED FACES Big & Beautiful, Classy & Complex – celebrate the diversity of our famous Durif red.

FAMOUS FACES Learn about our legendary fortified Muscadelles and the classification system

Evening of Saturday 25 October:

• FACES OF RUTHERGLEN CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday October 26th –\$90 pp

For full event information download a brochure at www.rutherglencvic.com or to book email info@winemakers.com.au or call 1300 787 929

Not all of us feel comfortable at a Masterclass. If all the hype seems a little intimidating, you may be interested in the sessions Stephen, our winemaker, will be running throughout the Faces weekend.

Stephen will work with you and explain, in plain English, how to explore all the senses involved in the fascinating world of wine. There will be plenty of prompts and information as he leads you through the process used to assess the differences between older and younger wines.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to pick up some good information no matter what your level of expertise as it is a one on one journey of discovery of **your** palate.

There's no pressure, it's lots of fun and if you get stuck, Stephen is there to answer your questions.

Our own reluctant legend, Bill Chambers, will be one of the FAMOUS FACES at the workshop mentioned above.

Sunday 2 November 2008

• FAMILY PICNIC AT ROSEWOOD

Any descendants of William or Henry Chambers, believed to have settled in Queensland in the 1850s please contact us.

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

BYO food - complimentary wines provided.

"Since time is not a person we can overtake when he is gone, let us honour him with mirth and cheerfulness of heart while he is passing."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

CITIUS ALTIUS FORTIUS

(Swifter - Higher - Stronger)

Amongst all the spectacular displays, the emotions and the pageantry of the Olympics, possibly the most powerful image was a very simple display...the Olympic creed on the scoreboard.

"The most important thing in the Olympics is not to win but to take part. Just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well."

Perhaps if each participant were to take this oath – to speak it out loud and embrace its true meaning we could revive the real spirit of sportsmanship. Maybe we could even go one step further and adopt it as a global motto to inspire us all in our sporting, business and personal lives.

MAKE THE MOVE GET IN THE GROOVE

As you will no doubt understand, there are huge costs associated with printing and posting newsletters. We do not pass on these costs to you.

We do however, ask that you use our email delivery system if at all possible so we can continue providing this free service.

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

You can always find the latest edition of the newsletter at the bottom of our home page at

www.chambersrosewood.com.au It does look much nicer in full colour if you want to read it from the screen. Then, if you want to print either a particular item or page, you can select 'Gray scale' or 'Draft' in the print options and conserve your printer cartridges.

Our sincere thanks to all those who have already made the move!!!

"Run with it , not in front of it"

Grant Crawley

With Shiraz being such an exotic sounding word it really wasn't hard to believe that this variety originated in Persia, or that the Romans or maybe the Crusaders had something to do with it.

Researchers were quite surprised recently when they uncovered a very different story. It turns out that the roots of this high profile variety are undeniably French. Their not-so-special parent plants are Mondeuse Blanche and Dureza.

You may recall the excitement back in 1999 when the same type of DNA technology was used by Geneticists to establish that chardonnay and several other major varieties were the offspring of Gouais, which we have grown at Rosewood for many, many years.

Now that scientists are able to give us a more accurate picture of the lineage of different varieties grape breeders will use this information to improve future crosses. We can also look forward to stronger, more disease resistant varieties in the future.

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

Admiral Hyman Rickard, US Navy

To Breathe a wine: To aerate the wine in order for the oxygen to soften any sharp tannins and open up the aromas.

You may be surprised to hear that Italian researchers have proven that just uncorking the wine is ineffective and likened it to us trying to breath through a straw. For best results you need to decant the wine.

While many wines today are designed to be enjoyed straight from the bottle you may find that particularly young reds and some older wines will benefit from being aerated.

When dining out you will often find that the sommelier will decant the wine for you, otherwise ask the wine waiter to pour the wine ahead of time and let it breath.

If at home, gently pour the wine into a decanter or even a jug leaving the sediment behind. Give yourself a good hour or so, taste the wine every 20 minutes and see how it goes.

When you are happy, put a cloth over the vessel and serve when ready, from the decanter. In warm weather pop the covered wine in the fridge for about 10 minutes or, as Bill suggests, add some iced water or iceblocks.

TRUMPET BLOWING THE KITE COLUMN OR FLAGS & FANFARE

● "1001 WINES YOU MUST TRY BEFORE YOU DIE"
Rutherglen Muscadelle

● A pair of Bronze medals from the 2008 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition. Quoted as "for achievement of world-class standards of excellence in aroma, body, flavor, color, clarity, acidity and balance."

● Look out for the November/December issue of WineState magazine

A LITTLE WINE FOR THE HEART

Far from suggesting that any of us take up drinking, it is hard to dismiss the seemingly endless studies extolling the benefits of drinking moderate amounts of wine.

Look out for more information on what is considered to be moderate drinking in the next issue but in the meantime it is interesting to note some research from Spain looking at women's health.

It seems that after drinking two glasses of red wine per day, the women in the study had lower levels of certain inflammatory substances in their blood.

Definitive links between enjoying moderate amounts of wine and lower rates of heart disease are certainly not fully proven. It is thought however that Polyphenols, which act as antioxidants, may be useful in reducing inflammation in the fatty deposits or plaque inside arteries.

Critical components of a healthy diet, regular exercise and reducing other stresses such as smoking, high cholesterol levels and excessive weight continue but it seems that a glass or two of wine can still be enjoyed.

SCULPTURE TRAIL

Cellar door visitors may be surprised to find some interesting artwork on display.

Local resident David King has constructed a novel piece commenting on modern telecommunications as part of an initiative of Arts Rutherglen.

You will find a selection of these items at participating wineries throughout the district.

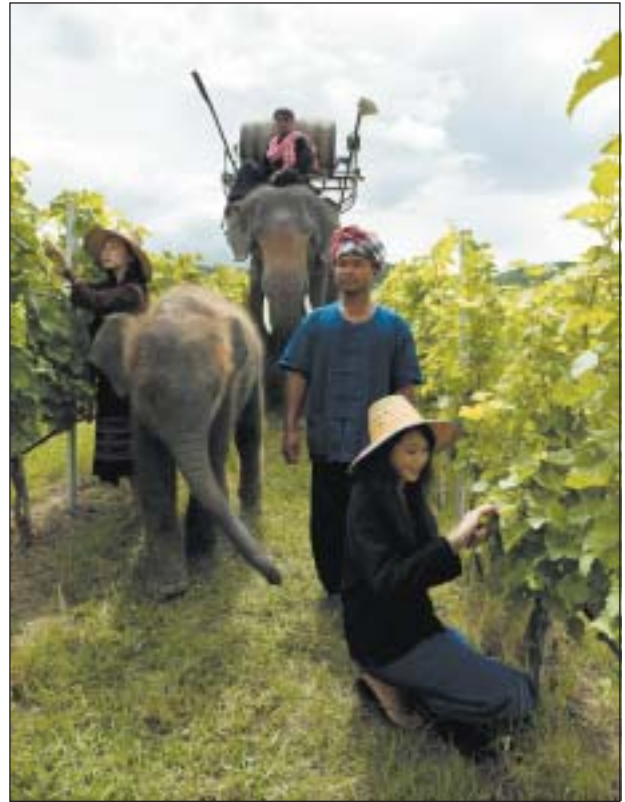


We are looking into the merits of a suggestion put forward by Chambers subscriber, Ron Munro of Glen Waverley. He spotted an interesting item in a in-flight magazine showing elephants working in a vineyard in Thailand.

With the high price of fuel and the benefits of instant fertiliser he immediately recognised the advantages of this mode of transport for Rosewood. He had no trouble picturing Bill atop one of these wonderful creatures. Little did he know that both Wendy and Bill are proud owners of T-shirts and certificates attesting to their prowess at elephant riding. As you will see in the photo above, they enjoyed a spot of elephant polo during an exclusive tour of Nepal. There doesn't appear to be any listings for elephants in our OH&S manuals and we will of course need to also investigate dietary requirements – apples or grapes?

Guests at HuaHin Hills Vineyard and wine cellar at Baan Khork Chang, Thailand are offered a fabulous experience - a tour of the estate aboard an elephant.

For more information go to their website at <http://www.huahinhillsvineyard.com>



MUD MAP OF THE YEAR!!!



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CELLAR DOOR PRICE LIST - SUMMER 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.....	5.00	50.00	_____	_____
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 Blue Imperial.....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
•2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (French Oak).....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2007 Durif	15.00	180.00	_____	_____
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		
Dry Flor (Sherry)	10.00	20.00	_____	_____
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 Ruby (Port)	10.00		_____	_____
2003 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)	15.00		_____	_____
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		_____	_____

SPRING DEALS		\$		\$
Sipping with the Stars		00.00	_____	_____
Certainly Citius.....		00.00	_____	_____
Altius & Altius		00.00	_____	_____
Fortius For Sure		00.00	_____	_____
The Red marauder		00.00	_____	_____

SUB TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ _____

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CELLAR DOOR PRICE LIST - SUMMER 2008

SUB TOTAL C/F \$ _____

	Dozen	Qty	Total
BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES				
	Per Ltr	26 Ltr		
• Dry Red (Unavailable at present)				
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: