

# CHAMBERS



***That's not a fish – THIS is a fish!!!! Cam Bailey caught this fabulous 108cm long Murray Cod recently. We don't know if he kissed it first but we do know he released it shortly afterwards.***

Wishing you a 'warm' welcome to our first newsletter of 2010 seems rather redundant after all the blistering weather we have had in most parts of the country. Instead, please accept our best 'cool' wishes for a happy, healthy and satisfying year ahead.

To our many international readers who are languishing way down at the other end of the temperature gauge, we send a special message....some advice from my granny. "Keep your head and your feet warm, and your middle will look after itself." If she were still with us, I'm sure she'd add a wee drop of Muscat to the equation to keep Jack Frost at bay.

If your Christmas break has already faded into a dim memory, you need to start planning your next escape. How about a lazy day or two over this way? Should you wish to drop a line in there are no guarantees you will be as lucky as the young man in this picture, but hey, there are many other side benefits to being so near to the River Murray.

There are plenty of great camping and picnicking areas nearby so you could just find a quiet spot to laze for a couple of hours. Maybe chill out with that novel you've been meaning to read or catch up with your favourite magazine.

If getting fit was amongst your new year's resolutions you could always do a spot of bush walking or check out our new rail trail (only 50 metres up Barkly Street). It only costs \$35 to hire a bicycle and helmet for the day so it's worth thinking about isn't it! Phone the friendly crew at the Rutherglen Wine Experience and Visitor Information centre on 1800 622 871 for details of the various packages available.

## **Magic & Mystery Dinner March 6 - 7pm**

Join us and be entranced as Professor Orlando casts a spell over Rosewood and presents his special magic show.

Wendy's team of talented kitchen wizards will charm you with their country cuisine and naturally there will be some great wines pulled out of the cellar to enthrall and intrigue your tastebuds.

Don't delay, book today! 02 6032 8641 \$55pp for dinner and drinks.

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## **OPENING HOURS**

Monday - Saturday 9am - 5 pm  
Sundays & Public Holidays 10ish - 5 pm



**Drive safely ...  
make sure  
you have a  
designated  
driver!**

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**"It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf."**

**ROBERT LYND**

Loved Nick Ryan's comments on the state of the cellar at The Lodge, especially this one....

*"Six bottles of Kiwi sauvignon blanc are grounds for treason charges"*

The fact that he lives in Scotland is not excuse enough for committed Chambers fan, Dave Biggart, to go without his favourite tipples - we regularly ship wine to him.

In his latest communication telling us to "have a good summer while we freeze" he went on to reveal that in May last year he had a fantastic experience while on a visit to North West Australia.

He is now seeking verification that his group may be eligible for breaking some sort of record for drinking an Ozzie pub out of beer.

Apparently, he and his three companions stopped at the Drysdale Station on the road to the Mitchell Plateau where they each enjoyed a glass of beer. When they asked for refills they found there was only enough for 3 glasses. Staff explained there had not been a supply truck since October (2008) because the dirt roads had been bogged out!

## Tastes of Rutherglen Festival

March 6 - 7 & March 13 - 14

The Victorian Labor Day long weekend is not far off and knowing that Tom Jones will be performing in Rutherglen on the last weekend of this festival, may be even more reason to be here. Tickets for his concert (which start at \$112 per person) are still available. Please contact 1800 622 871 for further details.

At our cellar door we will be celebrating the 2010 Vintage with a whole range of wine, food and fun events over both weekends.

The absolutely scrumptious cakes of Louisa Morris will again provide the perfect foil for our flavour-packed wines. What a choice to make though....Profiteroles or the Belgian chocolate torte....might just have to have both!

## Junior Art Competition

Hey kids....you can get in on our 'Magic & Mystery' theme too! We need to receive your masterpiece by 5pm on Sunday 26 February so get busy, show us your talent and share in the great prizes. Contact us on 02 6032 8641 for an entry form.

## Winery Walkabout Festival

June 12 - June 13

Get ready for another walloping weekend in Rutherglen as we see what we can come up with to rock your socks off!

No details yet but you know we can be relied on for a few surprises here and there.



**We are fortunate to have some very interesting and talented people amongst our customer base. Sarah Deed certainly falls into this category. This very creative piece was featured in the 2009 RMIT Honours Graduation Show.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- That P. McCalman of Oak Park is the winner of the quarterly cellar door prize. Please give us a call on 02 6032 8641 to claim your prize.

- When the temperature exceeds 30°C grape vines begin to shut down; once it goes beyond 37°C there is increased risk of damage to the fruit

- There really is a place called Woop Woop. Yep, it's at Harcourt, near Castlemaine and is described as "a sculpture garden/gallery ... based on Aussie idioms and colloquialisms

- The reclusive twin brothers who own the Daily Telegraph newspapers and the Ritz Hotel in London will plant a small vineyard on the island of Sark in the Channel Islands.

- Recommendations from the World Cancer Research Fund suggest we limit our alcohol consumption to two drinks a day for a man and one for a woman.

Scientists now believe that switching to lower alcohol drinks may lessen the incidence of cancer.

## PLEASE NOTE

Our freight prices are based on a dozen bottles but we can also quote for single, 2 or 6 bottle packs if that's more convenient for you.

## DEMYSTIFYING WINE

When you are on the hunt for a good bottle of wine in the retail world, do you get bamboozled by the array of snazzy bottles and labels on display?

Do the graphics draw you in enough to splash some of your hard earned cash or do you still seek reassurance from more detailed information on the back label, a trusted wine writer or your favourite wine merchant?

Are you persuaded by waiting staff as you peruse wine lists? Do you see it as their job to know and impart information about all the wines on their list, or are you more influenced by the details provided by the winemaker?

As you are no doubt aware, we at Chambers are guided by our famous mission statement. We do not "indulge in fancy buildings, bottles and bullshit" but we are still enthusiastic about providing a valuable tasting experience, no matter what your level of interest in our wines.

We suspect that most buying decisions are primarily based on very limited information such as the flavours. Is it dry or sweet, soft or robust, what foods will it pair with and possibly whether it has cellaring potential.

Most of us are probably not that interested in the more technical details concerning the type of soils in which the vines are grown. And anyway, what does "well balanced" really mean?

It's always hard to be subjective about your own efforts so we are offering you the opportunity to have your say and tell it how you see it.

Yes, we would like to hear from you – we are interested to receive your views on our wines and yes, we are looking for the whole story.

## THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE EVEN BETTER FORUM

Perhaps you have discovered a great food match you would like to share. Maybe you were disappointed with a choice you made and could benefit from someone else's experience.

We want to hear your stories - your reviews. You can use a tag if you want to remain anonymous or we are happy to publish names if you'd like to see your name in print.

Please email us on [chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au](mailto:chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au) or drop us a line to PO Box 8, Rutherglen 3685

## FLAGS & FANFARE

### Winestate 2010 Annual Edition - Shiraz Blends

★★★★ 2005 Anton Ruche Shiraz Mondeuse

### The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

★★★★★ Wines – the Best of the Best:

- Score 98 Chambers Grand Muscat
- Score 96 Chambers Old Vine Muscadelle

### Chambers Rutherglen Muscat on Youtube:

[http://www.google.com.au/search?hl=en&rlz=1W1GGGLD\\_en&q=youtube++Chambers+muscat&btnG=Search&meta=&aq=f&oq=](http://www.google.com.au/search?hl=en&rlz=1W1GGGLD_en&q=youtube++Chambers+muscat&btnG=Search&meta=&aq=f&oq=)

Stephen is keeping a particularly vigilant eye on the first Chardonnay fruit of vintage as he has earmarked it to make a sparkling white.



*Even though he was at Chambers Pillar, sporting a bottle of Chambers Muscat, wearing his Chambers polo, a certain Chambers admirer of long standing was not impressed at all when he saw our cellar door manager, Laurie Richards, gracing the front cover of our last newsletter.*

*He submitted this snap of himself (kneeling) with his aged perfectionists, proudly gathered at a secret location on the Kimberley coast, to help him celebrate a very special occasion. Happy significant birthday Peter Duffy!*

## LIGHT, LOW & LUSCIOUS

- 2 bottles x 2004 Riesling
- 2 bottles x 2005 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet)
- 4 bottles x 2009 Lakeside Late Harvest
- 4 bottles x 2009 Bill's Ambrosia

**\$85 plus freight**

## STACKS OF STYLE

- 4 bottles X 2005 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse)
- 4 bottles x 2008 Durif
- 2 bottles x 2004 Sparkling Shiraz
- 1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscat
- 1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscadelle

**\$180 plus freight**

## NO NUTS

- 6 bottles x Walnut Muscat
- 6 bottles x Walnut Red

**\$175 plus freight**

## PICNIC PACK

- 3 bottles x 2002 Shiraz /Blue Imperial
- 3 bottles x 2002 Shiraz Cabernet
- 3 bottles x 2006 Cabernet Merlot
- 3 bottles x 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon

**\$90 plus freight**

## LIMITED STOCK:

- 2003 Gouais
- 2002 Shiraz Cabernet

Postal Address: P O Box 8, Rutherglen 3685  
 ACN 050 288 385 ABN 89 378 543 120

**ORDER FORM - Autumn 2010**  
 • New Wine/Vintage/Price \* Low Stock

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WHITE TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
NV Rosewood White (Clearskin)	6.00	50.00		
2001 Muscadelle (Dry)	7.00	70.00		
2007 Roussanne	15.00	150.00		
2004 Riesling	8.00	80.00		
*2003 Goudis	12.00	120.00		
2000 Chardonnay	8.00	80.00		
2005 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet)	8.00	80.00		
2008 Light Muscat	13.00	156.00		
2009 Autumn White	10.00	100.00		
2009 Lakeside Late Harvest	10.00	100.00		

RED TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
NV Rosewood Red (Clearskin)	6.00	50.00		
2009 Bill's Ambrosia	8.00	80.00		
*2008 Rosé	8.00	80.00		
2003 Blue Imperial	10.00	100.00		
2003 Shiraz	12.00	120.00		
2002 Shiraz & Blue Imperial	9.00	90.00		
*2002 Shiraz & Cabernet	10.00	100.00		
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (French Oak)	8.00	80.00		
2008 Durif	16.00	192.00		
2006 Cabernet Merlot	10.00	100.00		
2005 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse)	16.00	192.00		
• 2004 Sparkling Shiraz	20.00	240.00		

FORTIFIED TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Flagon \$	Qty	Total \$
Dry Flor (Apera/Sherry)	10.00	21.00		
Oloroso/Sweet Amber (Apera/Sherry)	15.00			
Cream (Sherry)	16.00	33.00		
Ruby (Port)	10.00	21.00		
Tawny (Port)	9.00	19.00		
Rosewood Old Tawny (Port)	20.00			
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)	15.00	31.00		
1999 Vintage Ruby (Port)	15.00			
2003 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)	15.00			
2004 Walnut Red	15.00			
2008 Walnut Muscat	16.00			
Muscat (Rutherglen)	16.00	33.00		
Tokay/Muscadelle (Rutherglen)	16.00			
NV Amontillado (375ml) (Limited)	15.00	33.00		
NV Old Vine Muscadelle (375ml) (Limited)	50.00			
NV Grand (Special) Muscat (375ml) (Limited)	50.00			

SPECIAL DEALS	\$	Qty	Total \$
Light, Low & Luscious	85.00		
Stacks of Style	180.00		
No Nuts	175.00		
Picnic Pack	90.00		
<b>Sub Total \$</b>			

**BULK WINE PRICES - AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION**

- Dry Flor Apera (Sherry)
- Ruby (Port)
- Tawny (Port)
- Muscat
- Tokay/Muscadelle/Topaque
- Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$
Adelaide	12.70	25.10	37.50	50.00
Brisbane	16.30	32.40	48.50	64.40
Canberra	14.10	28.00	41.90	55.80
Melbourne	12.00	22.50	33.70	44.70
Vic-Country	13.50	26.70	39.90	53.10
Sydney	13.80	27.30	40.80	54.40
NSW-Rural	15.70	31.20	46.60	62.00
Perth	25.70	51.20	76.70	102.00
Gold Coast	16.60	33.00	49.40	65.80
Tasmania	23.40	46.50	69.60	92.70

New Customer  Existing Customer

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: \_\_\_\_\_**

Container Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deals Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus Freight \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Freight rates approximate only  
 Specific prices on application

\*Minimum 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.