

CHAMBERS

It's nearly that time of the year again isn't it! Do you remember counting the number of 'sleeps' until Christmas Day and how time seemed to drag by when you were younger?

Nowadays the countdown is more about all that needs to be done and, as usual, the days are slipping away with scant regard for all those good intentions to be better organised this year.

Wouldn't it be great to be lurking about with a smug sense of satisfaction and a glass of something festive, knowing that everything is organised?

This possibility may be just as elusive as ever but not to worry, we are here to help you work smarter not harder.

It's very much like eating an elephant – you need to break it down into small pieces. Instead of trying to write all your cards and gifts at the one time, divide your list up into alphabetical groups. A to E, F to K, and so on.

Check out our Santa Specials on page 3 for a range of gift giving suggestions that we can dispatch directly to your loved ones. We can tailor single bottle deals, half dozen lots or even make up a mixed dozen pack to suit your needs.

Santa's little helpers at Australia Post will make sure they get them delivered as long as we get the orders before the 15th of December.

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 where ever you may be for Christmas and the New Year season.



'Bill of the Overflow'

Hard to believe it but this was the scene in Rosewood's car park on Friday 15 October. Mother Nature certainly has blessed us with some odd weather of late. After a very pleasing Spring, we've seen fabulous crops of canola and grain peeping over the top of the fences just about everywhere in the district. As you can see though, when more than 75mm of rain fell in a 30 hour period, things got a bit damp around here.

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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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**"Relationships are the building blocks of our personal and business lives –
they should be cherished and developed." DR FEELGOOD**

The phrase 'that place is really hopping' may be a little passé but with the pending locust plague, it may come back into more common usage.

We are doing our bit though! Our cellar door list of alternative uses for the little beasties is becoming increasingly inventive.

Along with all the practical ideas for everything from fish bait, pizza topping and bird food, are a number of more creative suggestions:

- Dry them, dip them in chocolate and feed them to international tourists as an Aussie delicacy says one visitor.
- They could also be pelletized and used as fertiliser or they could even be processed into a high protein paste – (just like crunchy peanut butter).
- Some musicians saw the potential in making great music by recording the sounds made by a collection of locusts in a large, resonant vessel such as a stainless steel vat.
- Strategically herd them and use as fuel efficient lawnmowers.

Once we have a comprehensive list together we'll forward it to the Victorian Department of Primary industries and nominate our group for one of the 'Locust Hero' awards which recognise those making an effort to combat the locust threat in Victoria. Come on, keep those ideas coming in – I reckon we're in with a really good chance!

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Our 'Sydney may have a nice harbour but Rutherglen has a great port' sign at the roundabout on Main Street has, for many years, been one of the most popular spots for visitors to take a photo.

New regulations in regard to what the Australia wine industry call 'The Naming Convention' will, however, prompt a call to the local sign writer because as of September next year, we will not be able to use the term 'Port.'

We have seen lots of changes since 1974 when, in a world first, the European Union signed a pact with the Australian government agreeing that if we stopped using their names, we could export our wines to their countries. We lost such names as claret, moselle and hermitage etc and were required to start using the term 'sparkling wine' instead of Champagne unless it was a product of France.

At Chambers, the wine previously known as Tokay now carries the label Muscadelle, which I must admit, I much prefer to 'Topaque.' On the other hand, 'Apera' seems an ideal name for the sherry styles.

I don't suppose tawny, ruby or vintage will take too long to become part of our language although to my mind 'Port' is such an evocative word. If we have to change why can't we have something with a real Aussie ring to it? I reckon an invitation to come for coffee and a little glass of 'Uluru' has far more appeal!

We need to look to our presence in Europe just as surely as the Europeans need to protect their fine winemaking heritage so really it is a great outcome for everyone. Let's face it, we used to think the world was flat- things change and so must we.

FLAGS & FANFARE *Vintage and the Gleaning*

Jeremy Chambers first novel which is set in Rutherglen and based on his experiences working during his holidays, has picked up an Emerging Writers awards in the recent Griffiths Review. Copies are available at the cellar door for \$30 (R/R\$32.95).



LOOK MUM – NO HANDS

Maybe it's our new cycle track that runs through our vineyards, the pursuit of a healthy lifestyle or perhaps the cost of fuel whatever the reason, we are certainly seeing lots more cyclists around Rutherglen.

Local Chambers fan Malcolm Bird popped in to show us prowess on his monocyte. Bet he got lots of curious looks when he toured through Asia on it!



ON YA' BIKE

Stephen Kaye of Williamstown never imagined he'd do so well when he decided to enter the Around the Bay cycle ride. It soon became obvious that his trusty old treadley was well past the task and that his initial aim of raising \$1,000 to aid The Smith Family was way too low.

Not only did he complete the ride but he also managed to raise more than \$16,000 to provide scholarships for about 50 children to assist with their educational needs and school expenses. Great effort!

SANTA'S TASTING NOTES

1995 SHIRAZ

Brick red
Slight plum, raspberry aged Shiraz aromas
Soft generous ripe fruit palate
Drinking very well now
Decant prior to serving
Recommend drinking in the next 6 months

1998 SHIRAZ

Deep purple red
Slight plum dark fruits
Full rich palate, soft drying tannins good balance and length of flavour
Will age for the next 6 years
Decant at least an hour before serving

1999 SHIRAZ

Purple red
Ripe berry fruit slight plum
Rich fruit palate good length and depth of flavour
Lovely drinking now but will age for the next 4 years
Decant prior to serving

1997 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Carnet red slight browning
Minty slight cassis spicy fruit
Lively palate good balance between fruit and tannins
Lighter style indicative of the year
Drink now or in the next 12 months
Decant before serving

1998 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Purple red very slight browning on edge
Mini, spicy tannic fresh palate good fruit weight and depth
Still youthful
Suitable to drink with heavy meat dishes
Will age for the next 5 years
Decant 1 hour before serving

1999 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep garnet red browning on edge minty, cassis aroma fresh
Soft generous palate
Lovely structure and balance
Drink now or cellar for up to 3 years
Decant prior to serving

2005 ANTON RUCH (Shiraz Mondeuse)

Made from fruit off 100 year old vines in the Ruch vineyard, this deeply coloured wine has been carefully aged in American oak. Subtle tones of aniseed and cassis combine with well balanced spice and fruit.

2008 DURIF

Vibrant purple/red hues translate into a rich full palate bursting with ripe plum fruit overlaying subtle coconut oak tones. Soft tannins with good length and depth of flavour.

2003 BLUE IMPERIAL

This richly flavoursome wine, made from the French variety Cinsault (pronounced Sin-So), is suitable for short term cellaring or to enjoy now. Really good with lamb dishes.

2006 CABERNET MERLOT

Vibrant red colour, tinged with purple, subtle oak, blackcurrant and berry nose with dusty tannins and some very pleasing spicy characters to enjoy with a huge range of dishes.

She got her looks from
her father.
He's a plastic surgeon.
Groucho Marx

SANTA'S SPECIALS

Available until 31 December
Unless sold out beforehand

BLITZEN'S BEST

3 bottles x 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon
3 bottles x 2004 Shiraz
3 bottles x 2006 Cabernet Merlot
3 bottles x 2003 Blue Imperial
\$100 plus freight

RUDOLPH'S REDS

See tasting Notes opposite

2 bottles x 1995 Shiraz
2 bottles x 1998 Shiraz
2 bottles x 1999 Shiraz
2 bottles x 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon
2 bottles x 1998 Cabernet Sauvignon
2 bottles x 1999 Cabernet Sauvignon
\$220 plus freight

WHITE & WONDERFUL

4 bottles x 2000 Chardonnay
4 bottles x 2009 Autumn White
4 bottles x 2009 Lakeside Late Harvest
\$90 plus freight

JUST THE THING

One bottle of any of the following wines:

2007 Roussanne
1999 Vintage Ruby (Port)
2003 Old Cellar (Port)
2004 Walnut Red ((Port)
Sweet Amber (Oloroso)

**\$26 delivered anywhere
in Australia**

FORTIFIED O' FORTIFIED

1 bottle x Dry Flor (Sherry/Apera)
1 bottle x Cream (Sweet Sherry/Apera)
1 bottle x Ruby (Port)
1 bottle x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)
1 bottle x Muscat
1 bottle x Muscadelle
\$85 plus freight

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

1 Dozen x Vol (Charming apricot tones)
Perfect for your summertime entertaining! Bung the bottle in the freezer for a couple of hours and serve it in a cocktail glass then wait for the rave reviews.

\$50 plus freight

Tastes of Rutherglen Festival

March 12 - 13 & March 19 - 20

We take time each vintage to celebrate all the wonderful flavours of our region. This is a great opportunity to sample the wines of 19 different Rutherglen wineries matched to specially prepared dishes.

Our winemakers combine with local foodies to highlight the very best we have to offer. Rather than 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 festival glass (for \$12) which provides entrance to each winery then you select which delicious entrée sized dishes you would like to try matched with a glass of wine for \$18. There is a \$25 shuttle bus service to take you around the traps.

Make sure you put some time aside to join us on either of the two weekends March 12 & 13 or March 19 & 20, 2011.

While you have your diary out best pencil in Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June if you're intending to visit us during our legendary Winery Walkabout Festival.

During Tastes, Chambers will be cake central with the very talented Louisa Morris treats ready to tempt and tantalise your tastebuds. Belgium chocolate and hazelnut torte with juicy high country berries perfectly matched to our boldly flavoured 2006 Rutherglen Shiraz will feature each Saturday.

Then you may like to return on Sunday for our 2009 Autumn White teamed with Plump cherries in a baked vanilla bean cheesecake, drizzled with syrup and served with a generous dollop of double cream.

Either download the colourful Tastes brochure from www.rutherglencvic.com or simply see what takes your fancy when you pick up your Tastes glass and brochure.

Kick your heels up and burn off some calories or just relax and enjoy the music of the Reclining Rockers who will put on a great show between noon and 5pm on the Saturday of the first weekend and both days of the second weekend.

TIM McKEW TOASTS NOEL COWARD

On Saturday 12 March 2011 we recreate the nostalgia of the era between the great wars with an evening's entertainment full of cocktails, music, fun and fine dining. Melbourne based entertainer Tim McKew revisits the flamboyant style of Noel Coward.

Enjoy classics such as Mad Dogs and Englishmen and Don't put your daughter on the stage Mrs Worthington. The show, which has been wowing audiences from the historic Windsor Hotel to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, also includes lots of biographical and anecdotal snippets for your entertainment.

Strictly limited seating so please be sure to book early on 02 6032 8641 \$60 per head includes 3-course dinner, drinks and entertainment.

***"Let's drink to the spirit of gallantry and courage that made a strange Heaven out of unbelievable Hell, and let's drink to the hope that one day this country of ours, which we love so much, will find dignity and greatness and peace again."* Noel Coward**

JUNIOR ART COMPETITION

We're very keen to see what our young artists make of our 'Viral Verses' theme for this year's Junior Art Competition. Make sure you vote for your favourite in the Popular Choice section.

CHAMBERS WINE CLUB

If you are interested but haven't as yet responded to the article in the last issue regarding the possibility of us having a wine club, please do so now.

We are reviewing the operation of our current system that lets you choose what you like when you like but realise that some people would rather be on a regular cycle.

Unlike many cellar doors in other major wine regions, we continue to offer free tastings and there is no charge for our newsletter.

With printing costs and the recent price rise for postage we do of course encourage electronic delivery of the newsletter and we may have to reduce the number of hard copy editions to limit our costs.



DRAW WINNER

If K Stewart of Shepparton can give us a ring we can arrange delivery of a small gift for you as yours was the name drawn in our quarterly draw of cellar door visitors who subscribe to our newsletter.

Next time you visit us, just identify yourself as a subscriber and record your name, suburb and postcode in the small notebook next to the till and you never know...

ONLINE ROCKS!

If you have been meaning to change over to electronic delivery of your Chambers newsletter, please take a few minutes now to contact Roberta at chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au or you can always find the latest edition of our newsletter at the bottom of our home page at www.chambersrosewood.com.au

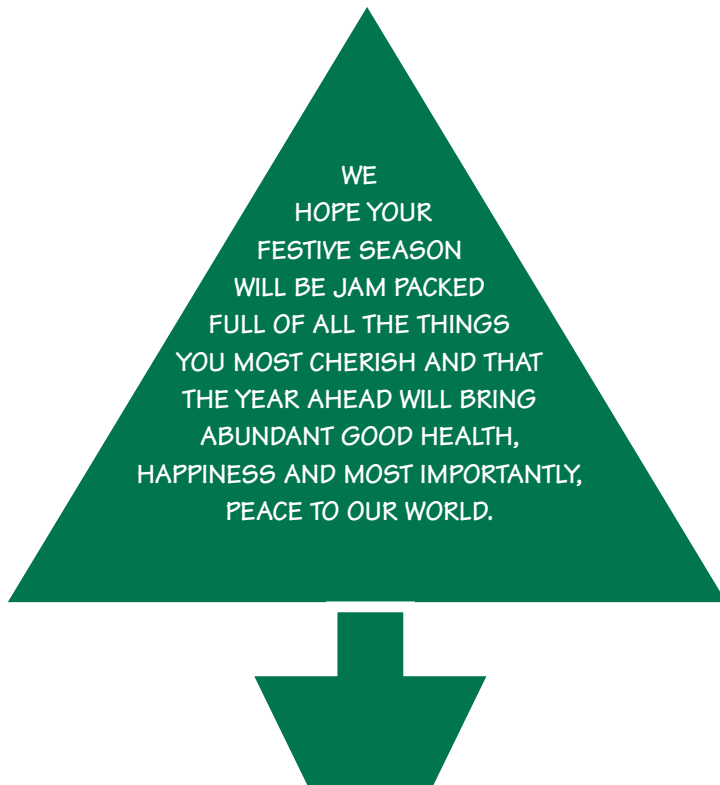
GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Our latest line in the "Haberdashery Department" as Bill calls it, now offers an option – you can choose between 'Aged to Perfection' or, for those who are working on it, 'Aging to Perfection' polo shirts.

Not that this has slowed sales but there has been some discussion as to the spelling.

Both spellings are acceptable; when forming the participle it is usual to drop the final 'e' as in 'lazing' or 'raging. Whether you are 'Aging' or 'Ageing' the net result is, let's face it, the same and for just \$29 you could have the perfect gift in a range of sizes from small to XXXL.

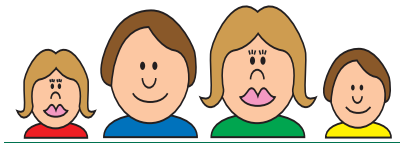
We've found that people tend to talk to you when you wear one of these shirts (rather like when you are walking the dog or have a baby in a stroller).



NEWS FLASH

Rutherglen has won the state award for Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainability Communities award for Victoria and is now in the running for the national title.

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THINGS TO DO:

- Get your Christmas orders in before 15 December and before the warmer weather arrives.
- Change over to email delivery of your newsletter if you have this facility.
- Send in your ideas about locusts.

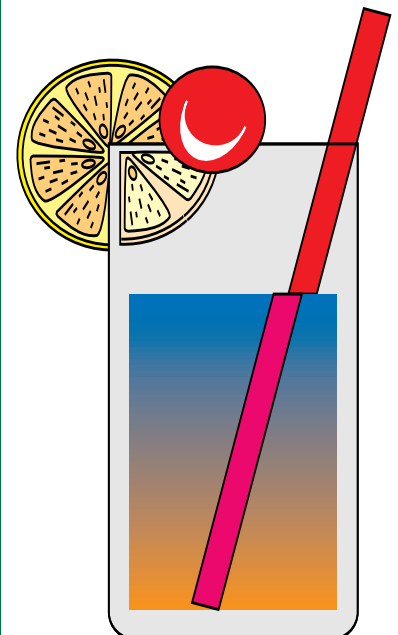
ICED TEA TINGLER

*Make 14 cups of tea
When cool add 500ml of orange and mango fruit juice concentrate and 1/2 cups of Rosewood White.*

Freeze.

To serve:

Fill a tall glass with scoops of the slushy mixture and top with a little dash of lemonade or soda water.



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

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BULK WINE PRICES - AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION

Ruby (Port)
 Tawny (Port)
 Muscat
 Muscadelle (Tokay)
 Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)

WHITE TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
NV Rosewood White (Cleanskin)	6.00	50.00		
2001 Muscadelle (Dry)	7.00	70.00		
•2004 Riesling	9.00	90.00		
2007 Roussanne	15.00	150.00		
2004 Goudis	12.00	120.00		
2000 Chardonnay	8.00	80.00		
2010 The Family (Goudis, Riesling & Traminer)	11.00	110.00		
2007 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet)	9.00	90.00		
2010 Light Muscat	13.00	130.00		
2009 Autumn White	10.00	100.00		
2009 Lakeside Late Harvest	10.00	100.00		
RED TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Dozen \$		
NV Rosewood Red (Cleanskin)	6.00	50.00		
2009 Bill's Ambrosia (Rosé style)	8.00	80.00		
2010 Bill's Ambrosia (Sweet Red style)	11.00	110.00		
2003 Blue Imperial	10.00	100.00		
•2004 Shiraz	13.00	130.00		
•2003 Shiraz & Blue Imperial	10.00	100.00		
•2003 Cabernet Sauvignon (French Oak)	10.00	100.00		
•2008 Durif	17.00	204.00		
•2006 Cabernet Merlot	10.00	100.00		
•2005 Anton Ruch (Shiraz Mondeuse)	17.00	204.00		
2004 Sparkling Shiraz	20.00	240.00		

FORTIFIED TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Flagon \$	Qty	Total \$
• Dry Flor (Aperd/Sherry)	12.00	N/A		
Oloroso/Sweet Amber (Aperd/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)	16.00	33.00		
1999 Vintage Ruby (Port)	15.00			
2003 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)	15.00			
2004 Walnut Red	15.00			
•2009 Vol (Fortified Muscat)	6.00			
Muscat (Rutherglen)	16.00	33.00		
Tokay/Muscadelle (Rutherglen)	16.00			
NV Armonillado (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 \$
Biltzen's Best	100.00		
Rudolph's Reds	220.00		
White & Wonderful	90.00		
Just The Thing (includes freight)	26.00		
Fortified O' Fortified	85.00		
Happy Holidays	50.00		
Sub Total \$	500.00		

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$
Adelaide	13.00	25.80	38.60	51.40
Brisbane	16.70	33.10	49.50	65.90
Canberra	14.50	28.80	43.00	57.30
Melbourne	12.70	25.20	37.70	50.20
Vic-Country	13.90	27.50	41.10	54.80
Sydney	14.10	28.00	41.10	55.70
NSW-Rural	16.00	31.70	47.40	63.20
Perth	34.10	68.0	101.90	135.80
Gold Coast	17.90	35.60	53.30	70.90
Tasmania	24.90	49.50	74.10	98.70

New Customer Existing Customer

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Home Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____ Phone No. (____) _____

Email: _____

Delivery Address: _____

Special Delivery Instructions: (if different from above) _____

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.