



# Twisted Gum

## **NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2010**

Spring is here, and after many years of below average rainfall we have enjoyed some wonderful early season rainfall this year. The vineyard is a rich emerald green colour, with the Shiraz vines in front of our house growing so fast we sometimes feel that they have visibly grown between breakfast and lunch! Our fourth season here at Twisted Gum Vineyard is shaping up to be a very good one. ☺

### **In the Vineyard**

Michelle and I have had a very busy few months in the vineyard. We have spread 25 tonnes of composted manure and 200 cubic metres of mulch under the vines. It was lots of hard work but our soils will really benefit from all of this wonderful organic matter.

We have also taken advantage of the excellent soil moisture, and planted 200 Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay rootlings in the gaps in some of our vineyard blocks (when we took on this vineyard in 2007 it had many gaps because of the effects of three consecutive years of drought and a bushfire). The planting was all done by hand and my back really knew it when I had finished digging 200 holes! – but it is very rewarding to see the new vines slowly working their way up to the cordon wire.



*Tim inspects the lush new growth on the Shiraz*

### **Our Wines**

Twisted Gum Wines continue to do very well at prestigious wine shows. We are particularly proud of our 2009 red wines (a Shiraz and a Cabernet Sauvignon) which have won awards in all four events that we have entered this year! The awards (so far) are:

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon:

- Bronze Medal - Royal Queensland Wine Show 2010
- 3.5 Stars - Winestate Magazine 2010
- Silver Medal - Australian Small Winemakers Show 2010
- Bronze Medal - Queensland Wine Awards 2010

2009 Shiraz:

- Bronze Medal - Royal Queensland Wine Show 2010
- 4 Stars - Winestate Magazine *World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge* 2010
- Bronze Medal - Australian Small Winemakers Show 2010
- Bronze Medal - Queensland Wine Awards 2010

## Twisted Gum Vineyard Cottage

After nine months of exhausting renovations (to the original 1920s farmhouse on Twisted Gum Vineyard) we finally opened the doors in March this year and during the first six months there was only one weekend when we did not have guests in the cottage! We have really enjoyed meeting so many nice people, some of whom have insisted that we sit on the deck with them for a chat and a glass of wine (we do have a tough job ☺). Our guests have left very generous comments in our guestbook, with a number of them making future bookings before departure. Christmas, Easter and long weekends are already filling fast, so be sure to book early if you have a particular weekend in mind.



*Michelle shows off the rich new mulch*

## Wine Club

Our wine club membership has been growing steadily since we set it up a few months ago, with more than 50 members already signed up. Unlike many other wine clubs, we have *no annual fee and no minimum spend*. The club is designed to reward those people who buy cases of wine, with generous discounts on case purchases (12 bottles straight or mixed). For details on the wine club please refer to our wine club web page (<http://www.twistedgum.com.au/page9.html>) or send us an email at [info@twistedgum.com.au](mailto:info@twistedgum.com.au).

### **Special deal for Wine Club Members in the month of November**

#### **20% discount on all case purchases**

Christmas and New Year are coming up – so there will be end of year BBQs and parties – and you will be searching for Christmas gifts for school teachers and for Uncle Fred who is always difficult to buy for – and of course there is Christmas Day and New Years Eve...

Twisted Gum Wines is offering a special discount of 20% on all case purchases (12 bottles straight or mixed) that are ordered and paid for in the month of November.

This is a one-off special deal – so that we can get some extra cash flow for the development of our new cellar door which will be built in 2011 – so why not grab a case or two of award-winning Twisted Gum Wine before this great offer finishes!

Just email your order to us at [info@twistedgum.com.au](mailto:info@twistedgum.com.au) and we will have it in the post within 24hrs.

Thanks again to you all for your support in 2010. We wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year, and we look forward to seeing many of you again in the coming year.

Regards

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