



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2014

Our 2014 season has been a real “nail biter”, with long periods of hot dry weather and basically only two decent falls of rain over all of spring and summer. It has been so dry that the Granite Belt is now one of the many regions in Queensland that has been drought declared. Michelle and I had been preparing ourselves for some below average yields this year, but instead we have achieved a new record harvest of over 12 tonnes of high quality grapes off our tiny 3 hectare unirrigated vineyard!

We picked our last block of Shiraz on Friday 21 March and Andy (our winemaker) was all smiles. He believes that the quality of the fruit this year is as good as he has seen – and we agree of course! We are so proud of our little vineyard – the mulching and careful pruning have helped us develop vines that appear to be near “bullet proof”. Spreading thick mulch under vines is a very expensive exercise, but it is definitely beginning to prove its worth. ☺

Table for Sixteen?

We are excited to announce a new winter event for Twisted Gum Wines in 2014: **Table for Sixteen**. You are invited to join Michelle and I at the “long table” in our stylish cellar door for an exclusive five course degustation dinner.

Your chef will be hugely talented Ballandean chef Jason Costanzo and all courses will be matched with our single vineyard, dry grown Twisted Gum wines. The cost is \$145/head and includes a five course degustation dinner, all wines and door-to-door transport from your Granite Belt accommodation. Be sure to book very early because these dinners are only held once per month during winter and there are only 16 places available at the table! For more info see our [events](#) web page.



Brass Monkey Season Accommodation Package

We are offering our popular Brass Monkey Season special deal again this winter. We have put together a fabulous package of food, wine and accommodation (in our beautiful cottage) that will be hard to resist. The package is \$250 per person (minimum of 4 persons) and includes:

- Two nights accommodation midweek (option to stay one extra night at no additional charge!)
- Breakfast two mornings (a generous country breakfast basket – including eggs, bacon, cereal, etc.)
- Lunch one day at the Wallangarra Railway Café
- Dinner one night at Vineyard Cottages Restaurant
- Private wine tasting and guided tour of Twisted Gum Vineyard
- One bottle of exclusive single vineyard, dry grown Twisted Gum wine of your choice

Bookings can be made by email (info@twistedgum.com.au) or by phone (07 46841282).

Autumn Sunset Vineyard Walks

Come and join us on a relaxed guided walk through our picturesque vineyard followed by wine and cheese at sunset on the verandah of our beautiful cellar door in a 1920s Queenslander. These popular events are held once per month during Autumn and cost only \$25/head. For more info see our [events](#) web page.

New Website is now Live

I have finally finished our new website! Please check it out at www.twistedgum.com.au. There are lots of new photos and information and a few new sections on history and sustainability. Note that I am the webmaster, so please be kind when you report errors. ☺

Twisted Gum Wines now on Twitter

They say “you cannot teach an old dog new tricks” – but this year I have turned 50 and also opened a Twitter account – so I am doing my best to prove that saying wrong!

So far I have sent 60+ tweets and have 80+ followers – so not quite the 1.5 million Twitter followers of Shane Warne yet! If you would like to “follow” my tweets my Titter account is:

<https://twitter.com/TwistedGumWines>.



Beautiful Golden Chardonnay Grapes

Queensland Wine Week

Join in the annual celebration of Queensland wine in *Queensland Wine Week* (March 31 to April 6). Check out the QWIA [QWW](#) web page for a list of the many events planned in Brisbane and throughout SE QLD. Twisted Gum Wines is involved in three exciting events during this week. We are hosting a special [Autumn Sunset Vineyard Walk](#) on Saturday April 5, where a small group of 20 people will be taken on a guided tour of our vineyard followed by wine and cheese at sunset on the deck of the beautiful 1920s Queenslander that we use as our cellar door. I will also be driving to Brisbane to present wines at a free tasting of over 25 Queensland wines at [John Mills Himself](#) in Brisbane on Monday April 1 (where our Chardonnay and Shiraz will feature). Finally, Twisted Gum Wines is proud to be one of the five wineries that will be visited on the [Granite Belt Road Trip](#) one day bus tour departing from Brisbane on April 6 – a great way to explore the fabulous wines of the Granite Belt!

Brookfield Show

And if you cannot make any of the above events, Twisted Gum Wines will be at the [Brookfield Show](#) again this year from 16-18 May. This is such a friendly little country show – I think our family enjoys it more as a holiday trip than as a work trip. ☺ We will be there at our usual site (next to the Brookfield Hall), so be sure drop by and say hi and taste our latest selection of wines.

Cheers!

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