



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2012

Where did Spring go?! All I can vaguely remember is that in early September the buds began to swell on the Chardonnay vines and then the house removers arrived with the old Queenslander for our new cellar door and then it all goes rather fuzzy from then on... Spring is always a busy time for us here in Twisted Gum Vineyard, with the lush Spring growth in the vines meaning lots of canopy management by hand, including shoot thinning (removing unwanted shoots), tucking up canes into the foliage wires and also leaf plucking around the bunches. But this year the extra project of renovating our exciting new cellar door has left us with barely a moment to spare from sunrise to sunset. But the vineyard is looking beautiful and green and the cellar door is taking shape and really starting to look fabulous – so it is all worth it – hopefully we will get a few hours spare soon to sit back and have a nice glass of white and admire it all. ☺

Cellar door renovations

Here are some photos of the arrival of the building in September. Our local builder (Chris O'Reilly from Wallangarra) has since been working on the renovations, recently installing three sets of lovely old French doors. Chris helped us renovate Twisted Gum Vineyard Cottage in 2009, so those of you who have stayed in our cottage over the past three years will know that he does great work.



Above: The second half of our beautiful old Queenslander arrives by truck from Logan on a crisp morning in early September

Left: There is a flurry of activity as the new stumps are attached and set in concrete and a new roof is installed

Michelle in the newspaper

“Michelle answers the call of the land” is the title of the excellent full page article about Michelle in the Warwick Daily News a few weeks ago. It describes how Michelle is so pleased to be back working on the land after 20 plus years away from it, and goes on to describe her variety of work in the vineyard as well as her volunteer work on the Australian Small Winemakers Committee and also in helping to organize a series of *Vineyard Walks* (informal meetings) for local Granite Belt grape growers over recent years. See the link to this article on our [In the Press](#) web page.



Michelle works on canopy management in the Shiraz block

Great Reds and Whites are still available for Christmas!

We know that many of you are disappointed that our 2012 Pink Moscato and 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon have already sold out (until the new releases are available in May 2013) but we still have four excellent wines available for sale. We have two fresh crisp whites ideal for summer BBQs – our beautiful round 2010 Unwooded Chardonnay and the stylish 2011 Verdelho/Semillon/Chardonnay white blend. Plus we have two signature reds – our classic 2010 Shiraz/Cabernet and the inky 2010 Shiraz. Discounts of 10% apply to 6 bottles and 15% to 12 bottles (straight or mixed). Plus we can provide low cost delivery direct to your door, including free delivery throughout the Granite Belt. For further details see our [wine information](#) on the web. Orders can be made by phone or email (details below).

Wishing you all the best for the festive season!

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