



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2013

I just love summer in the Granite Belt! It is truly the best season up here on the mountain. The weather is fabulous. We have warm sunny days with a maximum of usually no more than 26 degrees Celsius and lovely cool evenings where the temperature often falls below 15 degrees. Combined with low humidity, the weather is just perfect for a BBQ on the deck, a walk in the bush or a picnic among the lush green vines. We had a few groups staying in Twisted Gum Cottage over recent weekends and they were amazed that there were not more tourists up here enjoying this beautiful harvest period.

I know that winter will always be our peak tourist season here in the Granite Belt, with so many people from Brisbane and surrounds keen to experience a frosty night and to enjoy a glass of red wine by a warming wood fire, but I am hoping that one day more people will begin to see the advantage of escaping the heat and humidity of summer in the city and climbing the mountain for a wonderful cool escape. A hundred years ago, many people from Sydney would holiday in the Blue Mountains (in Katoomba, Springwood, etc.) for this very reason. So it is nice to see that bit by bit the people from Brisbane are now starting to realize what a wonderful cool summer escape they have just on their doorstep. ☺

Fantastic vintage in 2013!

Wine experts in years to come will talk in hushed tones about the amazing 2013 vintage in the Granite Belt – take my word for it! This is our sixth season here at Twisted Gum Vineyard and we have never seen the vines looking so good and the grapes tasting so amazing.

The vines are just perfectly in balance. Our mulching is really starting to produce dividends. The start to spring was very dry this year with only 80 mm of rain in three months. But our vines are now very strong and robust, so they soldiered on until the summer rain arrived and they have never looked back! Our Black Muscat and Shiraz crops are looking particularly amazing this year. The photo on the right is from the Shiraz block in front of our house. Aren't they beautiful? ☺



Our 2013 Shiraz crop is looking great

Cellar door renovations

Our new cellar door is starting to really take shape. With the inside painting finished in January, the floor preparation became the focus in early February. The floor sanding specialist came in from Gatton to sand and lacquer the public areas for us – and the timber floors now look absolutely amazing! The beautiful four inch hoop pine floorboards have really exceeded our expectations. Michelle and I are now on the homeward run. We have been flat out sanding and painting the outside over recent weeks.



The cellar door sits snugly at the front of Twisted Gum Vineyard



Michelle painting the outside of the cellar door

So we hope to see you all up here this year to sample our wines in our new cellar door. Pink Moscato fans will be pleased to know that we are harvesting the Black Muscat tomorrow (19 February). Our Pink Moscato should then be bottled and ready to release in May.

Cheers!

Tim and Michelle Coelli

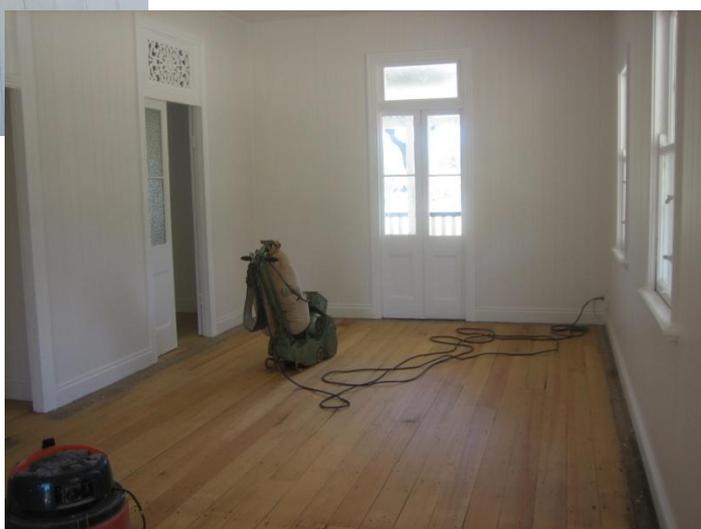
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One more week of painting should do it, and then we just need to finish off the door handles and we are done with the building renovations. Then in March we will dive into furnishing and decorating the inside and planting a garden. We will then be ready for the grand opening in May – won't we??



Sanding revealed the beautiful hoop pine floor boards

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