



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2015

The Granite Belt is looking an absolute picture at present. The rain in December has filled the dams and made the countryside all lush and green. It is so tempting to just sit on the deck and soak up the beauty around us – but there is work to do! Harvest starts for us this week with the Verdelho and Semillon due to be picked. The fruit is looking great this year. We had a dry start to the season with very little rain falling in spring, causing the vines to set a light load of fruit. So we will definitely have lower yields this year but on the up side this generally means excellent quality.

As harvest approaches we head out into the vineyard each week (or more often) to collect grape samples. We test them for sugar content and taste them to assess acid levels and ripeness. Once we are happy that all is on track we select a picking date. This is usually only 3 or 4 days ahead of time so we then need to get organized quickly! We pick all our grapes by hand, so we are now busy phoning up local pickers and organising our picking buckets and snips and grape bins ready for the harvest. There is a lot of preparation to do because we like to organize each harvest so that we can pick the grapes in the cool of the morning (between 6am and 11am) so that fruit is lovely and fresh and full of flavour. The harvest period is always nerve racking because an unexpected shower of rain can set sugar levels back and then we have to reschedule the pick at the last moment – but it is also my favourite time of year when all our hard work pays off and we safely deliver our grapes to the winery. ☺



Tim shows off a bunch of Black Muscat that produces our Pink Moscato

Events in 2015

We are a very small winery, so Michelle and I like to host small relaxed events where we get a chance to chat with people and share our knowledge and passion with a small group of wine lovers. In 2015 we will have our fun *Sunset Vineyard Walks* with wine and cheese once a month during Autumn and Spring (limit of 20 people) and our exclusive *Table for Sixteen* degustation dinners (limit of 16 people) once a month in Winter.

The three *Table for Sixteen* degustation dinners on these dates:

- 13 June
- 11 July
- 22 August

And the six *Sunset Vineyard Walks* with wine and cheese on these dates:

- 14 March
- 11 April
- 9 May
- 12 September
- 10 October
- 14 November

The reaction to our events in 2014 was great with many people now wanting to return, and often also wanting to bring along their friends to enjoy the chilled out atmosphere at Twisted Gum Wines.

For additional information on these popular events please see our events web page [here](#), and be sure to phone or email if you have any questions at all.



Entrée is served at the “Table for Sixteen” with everyone still well behaved at this stage ☺

Wishing you all the best for a great 2015.

Cheers!

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