



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2010

Winter on the Granite Belt has been nice and chilly as usual, with a number of heavy frosts making the grass crunchy underfoot. We have had lots of guests in Twisted Gum Vineyard Cottage enjoying the Brass Monkey Season up here, with the wood heater in the cottage keeping everyone warm and toasty at night.

In the Vineyard

Winter is pruning time, which means long days in the vineyard for Michelle and I – and stiff hands from pruning over 5,000 vines! However, we have found pruning to be much easier in 2010 because the majority of the spurs are now pointing upwards. In each of the past three seasons we have spent a lot of time carefully pruning our vines to remove any spurs that are not pointing upwards and encouraging new vertical spurs to replace them. This is crucial for the *Vertical Shoot Positioning* (VSP) system that we use in our vineyard, where in the growing season all the canes are positioned vertically and are supported by foliage wires. This structure allows the breezes to pass through the foliage to reduce disease and also allows the sunlight to fully ripen the grapes.



A Heavy Frost in the Shiraz

Winestate Magazine's World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge

Twisted Gum Wines entered two wines in the Winestate Magazine *World's Greatest Shiraz/Syrah Challenge* recently and won awards for both wines! The competition was held at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide on June 18 and involved in excess of 700 Shiraz and Shiraz blend wines from all over Australia and New Zealand. We received Four Stars (equivalent to a Silver Medal) for our 2009 Shiraz and Three Stars (equivalent to a Bronze Medal) for our 2008 Shiraz Cabernet. This is a fantastic result, which shows that Granite Belt Shiraz can match it with the best of them. ☺

Wine Club Now Established

The Twisted Gum Wine Club is now in operation. Unlike many other wine clubs, you can **join for free** and there is **no minimum spend**. Wine Club Members receive:

- Discounts on wine purchases (from 10% to 30%)
- Discounts on accommodation (10% on all October-February bookings)
- Discounts on special events (10% on all events)
- Free freight (to Eastern States) on all wine purchases
- A quarterly newsletter sent via email (free)

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For further details on our Wine Club, please visit the web at <http://www.twistedgum.com.au/page9.php> or send us an email at info@twistedgum.com.au.

Twisted Gum Wines Feature at UQ Centenary Celebrations

Twisted Gum Wines have been served at the Courting the Greats Gala Dinner held at the University of Queensland at St Lucia in Brisbane on Saturday July 3. This dinner was the highlight on the University of Queensland Centenary Celebrations calendar.

In excess of 500 invited guests came together to celebrate the past 100 years of the University. The dinner was hosted by the Vice Chancellor of the University and involved a number of high profile guests from the UQ alumni, as well as from business and government in Queensland.

Our 2009 Chardonnay and 2008 Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon, which both won medals at the 2009 Australian Small Winemakers Show, were served at the meal, and by all accounts they were very well received.



Attending the Gala Dinner

Thanks again to you all for your support of Twisted Gum Wines. It was great to catch up with a number of you at the South Bank Markets in Brisbane in July. We hope to see many of you again in the near future.

Regards

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