



Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2013

Winter is with us again! The beanies, ugg boots, jumpers and coats have been dug out of the cupboard and used on a daily basis. The tourist season is now in full swing, with thousands of visitors coming up to the Granite Belt each weekend. Lots of smiling faces, with the days filled with wine tastings, bush walks and sharing hearty meals with good friends in front of roaring wood fires. Many people are also discovering the fabulous food producers up here, filling their car boots with cheese, olives, jams, chocolates and mountains of farm fresh fruit and vegetables. If you are on a diet we strongly advise you not to come – it is just too hard to resist. ☺

Four Stars from James Halliday!!

We are very excited to announce that Twisted Gum Wines has been awarded a four star rating in *James Halliday's 2014 Australian Wine Companion*!! This is great news for us. A four star rating is very difficult to achieve. A winery must have two or more of their wines rated at 90 points or above to obtain a four star rating. We are a tiny winery, producing only six wines (600 cases in total each year), so this is an outstanding result for us, especially given that we have only been producing wines since 2008.



A heavy frost blankets Twisted Gum Vineyard

In fact, the Granite Belt has done very well this year in the 2014 Australian Wine Companion, with eight of our 45 wineries now rated at 4 stars or above. This is very impressive, and shows that the Granite Belt is a seriously good wine region with ratings like these from Australia's most well respected wine critic. The Granite Belt has three 5 star wineries: Boirean, Golden Grove Estate and Symphony Hill Wines, and five 4 star wineries: Ballandean Estate, Ravenscroft Wines, Ridgemill Estate, Tobin Wines and Twisted Gum Wines. Now if you visit four wineries per day, that sounds like a pretty good way to spend a weekend. ☺

For further info on these eight wineries see:

<http://www.stanthorpeborderpost.com.au/news/eight-wineries-lots-of-stars/1966591/>

and for info on *James Halliday's 2014 Australian Wine Companion* see:

<http://www.winecompanion.com.au/>

and for lots of info to help you plan your next trip to the Granite Belt see:

<http://www.granitebeltwinecountry.com.au/>

Sunset Vineyard Walks

Can we tempt you with a relaxed walk through our vineyard followed by wine and cheese at sunset on the veranda of our new cellar door? Michelle and I have decided to celebrate spring in the vineyard by holding a special *Sunset Vineyard Walk* once per month during Spring (on the second Saturday of each month).

These three small events form part of the Granite Belt *Primavera* (Spring) events program, where there are lots of fun events planned this year, including opera, jazz, degustation dinners and much more. For further info on what's on see the events section on the GBWC website accessible by clicking [here](#).



Soda helps keep the vineyard tidy in winter

There you will see the following details of our event:

Join Tim and Michelle Coelli on a leisurely stroll through their picturesque, hand tended vineyard. Admire the lush green vines set among stunning granite boulders and impressive twisted gum trees. Discuss how to grow, prune and harvest grape vines so that they produce the highest quality wines possible. Press Tim and Michelle for the secrets to the success of their sustainable vineyard practices, involving the use of birdlife to replace pesticides and careful mulching instead of irrigation. Then return to their stylish cellar door (in a classic 1920's Queenslander with wrap around verandas on three sides) to enjoy a guided tasting of single vineyard, dry grown Twisted Gum Wines matched with local artisan cheeses on the veranda as the sunsets. Pure bliss! There is a strict limit of 20 persons, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Phone Tim and Michelle on 07 46841282 or email info@twistedgum.com.au to reserve your place.

Dates: 14 September, 12 October and 9 November

Price: \$20

Time: 4pm to sunset

Twisted Gum Wines at the Ekka (August 8-17)

We will be at the Ekka again this year. Our stand is easy to find – it is located in the Woolworths Pavilion not far from the main stage. Michelle will be there to welcome you, along with Kate and Emily (our two eldest daughters) and Luisa (who has come from Italy to work on our vineyard for 3 months). Be sure to taste our 2010 Shiraz and 2010 Shiraz Cabernet, both of which have been awarded 91 points by James Halliday. For more information on the Ekka see: www.ekka.com.au

Cheers!

Tim and Michelle Coelli

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