



# Twisted Gum

## ***NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2014***

Winter has been very slow to arrive this year. After our warmest start to June for a long time the temperatures are finally beginning to drop, with a one degree minimum last night and a forecast of some frosts for later in the week. This will certainly keep our cottage guests happy as they come to the Granite Belt to experience the joys of sharing a nice warming bottle of red wine in front of a toasty wood fire during Brass Monkey Season. ☺

### **Article in the Courier Mail**

What can we possibly say about the article by Sharnee Rawson in the Taste section of the Courier Mail last week! Sharnee visited us in May and we had a lovely chat about our wines, vineyard and cellar door. She enjoyed a tasting of our wines in the cellar door followed by a walk in the vineyard with Michelle, discussing our focus on mulching and sustainable viticulture. Sharnee also visited a number of other wineries that weekend, along with various other Granite Belt highlights.

Then we opened the paper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June and found a number of full page photos of Michelle and I and Gus! It was a major surprise. We had expected maybe a small photo and a few paragraphs at most. We have since had lots of emails and phone calls from people congratulating us on the lovely story.

The story was excellent, with particular attention given to three Ballandean wineries: Twisted Gum Wines, Tobin Wines and Symphony Hill Wines, and their focus on the creation of premium quality wines in the Granite Belt.



If you missed the paper, you can see a copy of the article on our website here:

<http://www.twistedgum.com.au/press.php>

## Premier's Sustainability Awards

It has been a very exciting month for us at Twisted Gum Wines. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we attended the 2014 Premier's Sustainability Awards Dinner in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. We were thrilled to discover that we were one of the three finalists in the Small Business category. When the Minister stood up and told the large dinner audience that there were 412,000 small businesses in Queensland and then proceeded to present an audio-visual display featuring photos of the three finalists including us, we were very proud. The top prize went to a cleaning company, but we were still quite chuffed that our little winery made it into the final three!



*Winter is pruning time in the vineyard*

More information on the 2014 Premier's Sustainability Awards and the finalists and winners is available on the web: <http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/premiersawards/2014-finalists-winners.html>

## Twisted Gum Wines on the TV

It really has been one of those months! We were visited by Sofie Formica and her film crew from the *Great South East* TV show. They stayed in Twisted Gum Cottage and took lots of nice shots of the cottage and vineyard and cellar door. The footage will be used in a feature on Granite Belt Wine Country that will go to air at 5.30pm on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June. The Coelli family will be lined up in front of the TV that night for sure!

## Twisted Gum Wines feature in *Queensland Wine Week* Video

Yes there is more! On April 6 the *Granite Belt Road Trip* bus tour from Brisbane (a *Queensland Wine Week* event) visited five Granite Belt wineries (including Twisted Gum Wines) accompanied by the *Wine Buzz* team who took some video footage along the way. They recently uploaded a lovely video of the trip that includes lots of nice footage of our picturesque vineyard and cellar door. The *Wine Buzz* video is available for viewing here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Iyg\\_PbUGhw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Iyg_PbUGhw)

## Table for Sixteen

There are only 3 places left on June 14 and 2 places left on July 19, so please be quick if you are planning to attend either of these two dinners. *Table for Sixteen* is an exclusive five course degustation dinner that we hold only three times per year (during winter), where the mouth watering creations of local Ballandean Chef Jason Costanzo are carefully matched with our single vineyard, dry grown wines. For more info see our [events](#) web page.

Cheers!

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