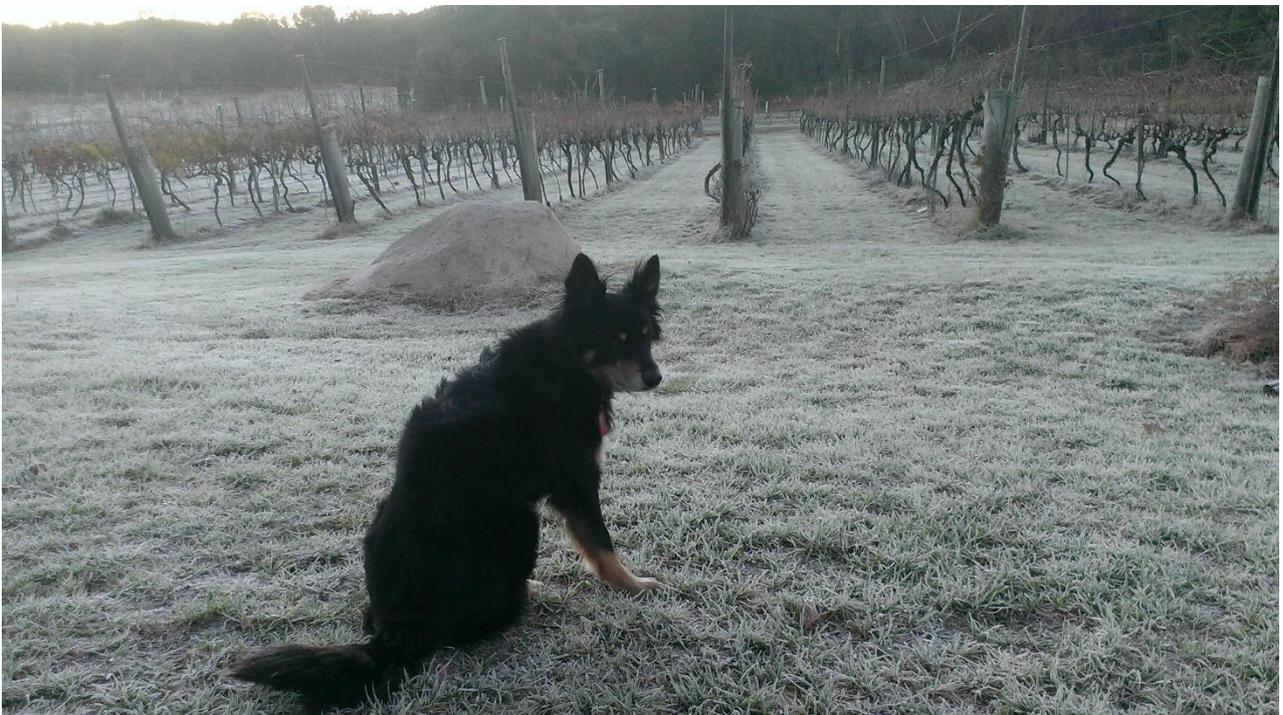




Twisted Gum

NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2016

Plenty of nice frosty mornings – it must be “Brass Monkey” season! ☺ The Granite Belt is alive with visitors at the moment, with car loads of smiling faces in coats, scarves and beanies exploring local wineries and cafes by day and then bunkering down at night time in front of a roaring wood fire with a warming glass of red. I am not sure if Gus (our dog) enjoys winter so much because it makes his daily swim in the dam (to chase the ducks) a bit chilly!



Michelle and I are pruning at the moment, which is our favorite time of the year. An early frost is usually followed by a beautiful sunny day which is just perfect for a day of pruning. We have been working on the Chardonnay block in recent weeks, rebuilding new trunks and cordons on the vines we had to cut down after the bushfire in 2014. It is uplifting to see the new vines taking shape. After two seasons without any Chardonnay grapes we are looking forward to a small crop in 2017!



Wildflowers

August is a great time of year to see the spectacular wildflowers of the Granite Belt. These photos below are taken from the bush just near our front gate. We have 40 hectares of land at Twisted Gum Vineyard, of which more than 80% is covered with native forest and granite boulders. Our cottage guests love exploring our rugged bushland as well as taking a leisurely stroll in the vineyard which surrounds the cottage.

Nature lovers have Girraween National Park to explore as well. The Park is located just 1km from our back boundary. It is inaccessible by foot from our property, but luckily is only a 10 minute car trip via Ballandean. There are some fabulous walks in Girraween National Park, including the Granite Arch Walk (just 30 minutes), the Pyramid Walk (a steep 2 hours with great views) and my favourite, the Junction Walk, a leisurely 2 hour walk along a creek surrounded by impressive granite boulders. For more info on the walks in Girraween (an aboriginal word meaning “place of flowers”) can be found on the web [here](#) and [here](#).



Twisted Gum Wines at the Toowoomba Carnival of the Flowers

Come join us at the [Ergon Energy Flower Food and Wine Festival](#) at the Toowoomba Carnival of the Flowers this year (16-18 September 2016). It is a big party involving dozens of wineries and foodies and some great music, including Birds of Tokyo, Eurogliders, Models, Tim Finn and much more! We will be at the Twisted Gum Wine stand in the park again this year, so be sure to drop in and say hi before grabbing a meal and a glass of wine and enjoying the fabulous entertainment.

Cheers!

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