

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2020

The rain has arrived! After two seasons of severe drought conditions the rain has finally arrived in the Granite Belt. The whole region is now covered in a beautiful carpet of green. Twisted Gum vineyard is looking an absolute picture. The dams are full, the water tanks are full, the grass is jumping out of the ground and the previously water stressed vines are alive with new growth.



In 2019 we recorded just 221 mm of rain compared to our historical average of 760 mm. Then in January we have had 209 mm of rain - in a month!! The rain was too late to save the crops on most of our vineyard blocks but it has definitely saved our vines to fight another day! However, the Shiraz block in front of our house is on deeper soil so it was able to produce a small amount of very nice fruit - our 2020 Shiraz should be a cracker.



Autumn Sunset Vineyard Walks are on again!

Join us this autumn for a leisurely stroll through our picturesque, hand tended vineyard. Admire the rich autumn colours of the vines set among stunning granite boulders and impressive twisted gum trees. Chat about various vineyard activities including mulching under vines, pruning, harvesting, etc. Then return to our cellar door to enjoy a guided tasting of single vineyard, dry grown Twisted Gum Wines matched with artisan cheeses on the veranda as the sunsets.

Dates: 4, 11, 18 & 25 April 2020. Time: 4pm to sunset. Price: \$25 per person.

For further information on this and all our other events in 2020 please see our events webpage here.



The Shiraz crop is looking great

Apple and Grape Harvest Festival

Festival time! Every two years the Granite Belt community gets together to throw a big week long party called the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival. There are stacks of things to do, including seasonal harvest feasts, the gala ball, street parade, celebrity grape crush and fireworks. And be sure not to miss the *Heritage Bank Food & Wine Fiesta* in the park on the weekend of 6, 7 & 8 March, where you can indulge in local wines and food and enjoy lots of great live entertainment. Michelle and I will have a Twisted Gum Wine stand in the park, so be sure to drop in and say hi and chill out with a glass of fine wine while soaking up the great atmosphere.

For more information see: http://www.appleandgrape.org.

Cheers!

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