

1st February 2011

CDWIA Newsletter

Liquid
Geography™



CANBERRA DISTRICT WINE

2011 ALL SYSTEMS GO

Hello and welcome to the first issue of the CDWIA Bi-Monthly newsletter for 2011. With the New Year well and truly here, most of us are very busy tending the vineyard and planning for what could be a tricky vintage.

The purpose of this newsletter is to offer another opportunity for the CDWIA and you, to communicate any relevant news to other members and relevant groups. The information posted here comes from you, and the CDWIA.

So if you have any news, new medals or trophies, upcoming events, details of recent events, or if you have any other information that you would like posted send it through to joe.wagland@poachers.com.au

Harvest Festival Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd April 2011

Work has already begun for this year's upcoming harvest festival and we hope you are planning your weekend now. A participation form has gone out to all members and the due date to apply was Wednesday 3rd Feb.

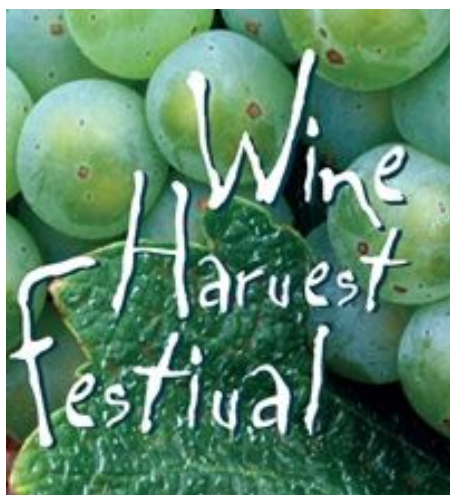
We are currently seeking any recent images that may be used for Harvest Festival promotional material. The images need to be of professional quality, and preferably of some relation to the Harvest Festival. So shots of wine making, or pressing, or harvesting, or even music/winery shots would be great.

All images should be sent to annemaree@tallagandrahill.com.au

We are hoping that venues this year will really pull out all the stops when it comes to choosing events to run over Harvest Festival. Wine and Food tastings are an important part of the festival, but we believe it's the creative, interesting and fun events that really make the festival a success. So consider running scheduled winery tours or a meet the wine maker event.

As an extension of the brochure, we would like you to send us your Harvest festival stories or event details. It's an opportunity for you to tell us in detail what activities you may have, or menus you are planning, or any other information that we can have posted on www.canberrawines.com.au on Facebook and Twitter. Please use your own Facebook page to advertise this festival. Send your stories or event details to tania@harvestpr.com.au

Keep a look out for the Harvest festival passport. It's a new passport encouraging consumers to visit 3 or more cellar doors in the region. More details to come.



CDWIA Wine Store

All members please note that the Wine Store is now located at Tallagandra Hill Wines. A full stock take has been done, and it is currently well sorted and organised. The CDWIA would like to thank Mount Majura Wines for holding the stock for such a long time, and particular thanks goes to Jessica who has been tracking the stock levels.



Canberra wineries unite to support the Qld flood victims

We have all seen the devastation in Queensland over the past weeks. Now it's time for us to help out!

A dinner and auction will be held at La Scala Italian Restaurant to raise as much money as we can to help the victims of the Queensland floods. Many Canberra District wineries will be providing wine for the evening including Clonakilla, Eden Road, Little Bridge, Lambert, McKellar Ridge, Barton Estate, Yarrh, Gundog, Domaine Rogha Crois, Four Winds, Affleck, Yass Valley, Shepherds Run, Jeir Creek, Dionysus, Poacher's Pantry and Wily Trout, Pankhurst, Lerida Estate, Tallagandra Hill, Koonaburra, and Lark Hill.

Canberra wine distributor Rogue Wines and good friends at Westend Estate Wines and Beelagara Estate (both in Griffith, NSW) will be donating gifts for auction. Le Tres Bon Restaurant in Bungendore have provided dinner for two and RedBrow Garden Guesthouse are also donating. We also have an autographed Raiders' guernsey and football, a return airfare and accommodation package to Brisbane (believe me their tourism will need some help), some very valuable paintings, and a double ticket theatre package to a theatre show at the National Convention Centre Canberra - just to name a few. Greg Robson (2CA and 2CC) will be MC and John Cooper (The Auction Barn) will be auctioneer. A heap of other goodies and surprises will happen during the evening! But we need all the help and generosity we can get.

The details of the dinner are as follows:

Date: Thursday 3 February 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Venue: La Scala Italian Restaurant Garema Place Civic

Format: Four course Dinner with Local Wines and Auction (special diets can be catered for - please advise at time of booking)

Cost: \$100pp

RSVP: Bookings and advance payments to ACTWIN on 6231 6997 or La Scala on 6248 8338.

PLEASE NOTE: the organisers wish to make it clear that this event is being co-ordinated/organised purely on a voluntary basis. No money is going to third parties with the exception of any contribution that may go to food/associated venue costs for the Dinner. It is being conducted on the understanding that all proceeds will go directly to the Flood Appeal. So come and have a wonderful evening knowing that you are helping the victims of the devastating floods in Queensland.

<http://www.shepherdsrun.com.au/on-the-run/canberra-wineries-unite-to-support-the-qld-flood-victims/>

International Success for the Canberra Region



awc Vienna International Wine Challenge 2010

This year for the first time Shaw Vineyard Estate entered this prestigious show, submitting 7 wines and receiving medals for 6 as follows:

- Gold Medal - 2008 Winemakers Selection Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal - 2008 Premium Cabernet Sauvignon
- Silver Medal - 2008 Winemakers Selection Shiraz
- Silver Medal - 2008 Winemakers Selection Cabernet Merlot
- Silver Medal - 2008 Winemakers Selection Merlot
- Silver Medal - 2009 Winemakers Selection Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

awc Vienna is the largest official recognised wine competition in the world! 10,951 wines from 1,733 producers out of 36 nations over five continents have been tasted and valued anonymously.

This success confirms the outstanding quality wines coming from the Canberra Region.



ACT Chief Minister's
EXPORT AWARDS

2010 EMERGING EXPORTER
AWARD WINNER

On 8 September 2010, Shaw Vineyard Estate was nominated and won the Emerging Exporter Award at the ACT Chief Minister's Export Awards. The Award is for outstanding export achievement by an enterprise in any industry sector, which has been exporting goods or services for three years or less.

Submitted by Tanya Olinder

info@shawvineyard.com.au



Capital Wines New Cellar Door

Work continues on our new cellar door, although building has been very slow due to the rain. The new cellar door will be onsite in Gundaroo with GRAZING restaurant. We are building a new function room for GRAZING restaurant and converting the historic Cobb & Co Stables into our Cellar Door. Our tasting rooms will include a regional Epicurean Centre, which highlights the produce of our region. Visitors to the cellar door will be able to experience tastings of wine and food together as well as enjoy a cafe menu and an extensive selection of produce for sale.

Chef Tom Moore, who has just won 'Young Restaurateur of the Year' at the Appetite for excellence awards will be working with us to oversee the Epicurean Centre menus. A range of educational programs will be on offer and visitors will be able to book in for cooking, wine and other master classes. The new function room will be a unique venue within the region for weddings, conferences and other events. A copy of the plans may be seen at the following address: <http://www.capitalwines.com.au/read/271.html>

"The Treasury" Late picked Riesling 2009 won BEST SWEET WHITE in the 2011 Sydney Morning Herald/Melbourne Age, Good Wine Guide. This is a tremendous result for our beautiful wine, which was rated 94/100. Other wines listed include the 2008 Kyeema Vineyard Reserve Merlot 93/100, 2008 Kyeema Vineyard Reserve Shiraz 94/100, and The Ambassador Tempranillo 93/100.

Submitted by Jennie Mooney
mail@capitalwines.com.au

Congratulations Mount Majura & Redbrow Garden @ Canberra Tourism Awards

<http://canberratourismawards.com.au/>

The annual Canberra and Capital Region Tourism Awards showcase the best of our regions tourism operators and promote, encourage and reward tourism excellence.

The Awards are open to all tourism businesses and suppliers to the tourism industry and serve to demonstrate the value of tourism to Canberra and the Capital Region. The winners are celebrated at the annual Gala Presentation Dinner, which everyone involved in the tourism industry is encouraged to attend.

Mount Majura took out the award for **"Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Boutique Breweries"** while Redbrow Garden won the **"Visitor Experience Award"**.



Events at Mount Majura

February events:

Bar Majura every Friday evening in Feb from 5-8pm. Make the most of the warm weather, daylight savings and our beautiful cellar door setting. Change your usual Friday night after work drinks to the vineyard in February and join us for wines for sale by the glass, tasting flights of back vintage wines and simple tapas.

Sydney Cellar Door

As part of NSW Wine week we'll be at Hyde Park again for Sydney Cellar Door on the weekend of the 26th and 27th of February.

March:

Capital Punishment Mountain Bike Race - Mount Majura will again be one of the race sponsors this year will be one of the official viewing points for the race. Come and watch the pros and your friends from our cellar door as they come past one of the race feed stations in this gruelling event.

Submitted by Fergus Mcghie
fergus@mountmajura.com.au

Helm and Riesling

The winery has continued to gain international recognition for its quality wines, expressing the Murrumbateman regional characteristics of soil, climate, aspect and management.

The Wine Show circuit has just finished with the National Wine Show of Australia, where both the 2010 Rieslings were awarded gold medals, and added to the swag of recognitions the wines have received in the last five months. My apologies for the long list of awards, but they just kept winning.



Helm Premium Riesling 2010 \$48 per bottle.

Gold (top) National Wine Show of Australia cl 31 Nov 2010
Good Wine Guide 2011 Nick Stock Nov 2010 Best of the Best - 96 points
Trophy Best White of Show Australian Cool Climate Wine Show Oct 2010
Trophy Best Riesling Australian Cool Climate Wine Show October 2010
Gold Australian Cool Climate Wine show cl 1 October 2010
Silver Canberra Regional Wine Show cl 1 Sept 2010
Silver Winewise 2010 Small Vignerons Awards July 2010
Bronze Canberra International Riesling Challenge cl 1 October 2010
Bronze Australian Small Winemakers cl 5 October 2010

Helm Riesling Classic Dry 2010 \$28 per bottle

Gold National Wine Show of Australia cl 1 Nov 2010
Weekend Australian Nov 13 -14 2010 95 points James Halliday
Good Wine Guide 2011 94 points Nick Stock
The Age Epicure - Ralph Kyte Powell October 19 2010 5 stars
Gold (Top) Canberra Regional Wine Show cl 1 Sept 1020
Gold Australian Small Winemakers Show cl 5 Oct 2010
Silver Winewise magazine July 12 2010
Bronze Australian Cool Climate Wine Show cl1 Sept 2010
Bronze Royal Adelaide Wine Show cl 5 Oct 2010
Bronze Royal Melbourne cl 5 Oct 2010
Bronze Canberra International Riesling Challenge cl 1 Oct 2010

Submitted by Ken Helm ken@helmwines.com.au