



GHOST ROCK
vineyard & cellar door
central north coast - tasmania

Newsletter

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Cellar Door

What a busy summer at the Cellar Door! With visitors from as far as Budapest, Italy, the UK, Sweden, Idaho and the USA, taking the time to sign our visitors book. Many mainland Australians also, have taken the opportunity to escape some of the more unsettled weather on the mainland. It continues to reinforce why we live here, when visitors comment constantly on the beauty of our state and especially this part of the Island.

Once again we hosted an Australia Day Concert. For this we were blessed with a perfect day which led to great enjoyment of the music, the wine, the barbecue and the surroundings. Many danced to Kram then Brett Budgeon, our headline act had the crowd held in rapture for his rendition of Phantom Of The Opera.



Part of the crowd at the Australia Day Concert

Watch this space for exciting developments for our 2012 Concert in The Vines!

Our Wines

Medals – Medals – Medals

Our wines have certainly been making their mark on the Wine Show circuit. We're especially proud of our '08 Pinot Noir, it's carrying plenty of 'bling'!

2008 Clairdown Pinot Noir

GOLD - Hobart International Wine Show,
BRONZE - Aust Small Winemakers Show,
BRONZE - National Cool Climate Wine Show.

2007 Catherine Sparkling

SILVER - Tasmanian Wine Show.

2010 Pinot Gris

SILVER - Aust Small Winemakers Show,
BRONZE - National Cool Climate Wine Show.

In the Vineyard

After such a difficult growing season weather wise, we approach vintage with cautious optimism. The cool and unseasonably wet weather in summer and autumn made for challenging conditions in the vineyard, but careful management of the vines will hopefully get us through to vintage without too many issues. The quantity of fruit may be down slightly due to poor weather conditions during the flowering of Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir, but we are optimistic quality will be up to compensate for that. The sauvignon blanc

has a later fruit-set and conditions were much better, so the quantity of fruit will be up (which is good as we always sell out of our Sav Blanc!).

We will also have our first vintage of Sav Blanc from our new Oulton block, which is very exciting for those who've been working over the last three years in that vineyard. First vintages are always exciting!

Planting of the Bonadale Vineyard is progressing well and will be completed by October this year.

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New Staff

Over the summer we witnessed a number of staff changes. In December we sadly farewelled Laura as she followed her then fiancée (now husband) to new horizons in Victoria. We miss her, but wish her and Bruce all the very best for their new life together in Geelong.

We then welcomed Susie Evans to the team. Susie is a local Devonport girl, and you will find her working behind the tasting counter most Saturdays.

Gail Sifford has also joined the team, and Gail spends her weekends at Cellar Door looking after our dining patrons and keeping our kitchen spotless.

Music

Sunday May 15th

– Sheyana, Blues, Rock and Folk Ballads
1 -4pm

Sunday June 12th

– Ben Murfet and Leah Woodberry
Easy Listening Acoustic Tunes with Up and Coming Performer 1 – 4pm

Sunday July 10th

– Daniel Christoffersen Classical Guitarist

Saturday July 30, Devonport Jazz Event

Sunday August 14th

– Bob Knox Band
Easy Listening Acoustic 4 piece

Sunday September 11th

– Kram Acoustic Guitarist and Vocalist



*Brett Budgeon and band,
Australia Day Concert 2011*

Our Staff

Trudy Draper

Trudy has been working at the Cellar Door for the past 8 months and now works in the vineyard as well. She handles a variety of diverse roles from mowing to canopy management outside, and working behind the tasting counter inside.

Trudy was brought up on a farm at Riana, so the environment at Ghost



Rock suits her as she loves being outdoors. She has two grown up children, 2 beautiful grandchildren and another on the way.

Her hobbies include reading, gardening and riding her motorbike with partner Phil. Trudy was

looking for a career change after 23 years working in aged care, and says she enjoys working in such a beautiful environment. She has also enrolled in a Viticulture Course this year, to further enhance her vineyard knowledge.



Artwork by Andrae Weeks

Art

After welcoming Rob Matthews back to the Cellar Door for his second photography exhibition during February and March we are now delighted to announce our current Artist; Andrae Weeks, with her mix of striking watercolours and acrylic pieces. Titled "Through An Artists Eyes" her paintings are certainly worth coming in to see and enjoy.

During June and July we will host Antoinette Ralston with her Monet style works inspired by local landscapes, historic buildings and landmarks.

We at Ghost Rock thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to host such talented Artists.

Summer Fun

Over the summer we were kept busy with appearances at the Devonport Cup, Festivalé, Henley on Mersey, Ulverstone Festival in the Park and our very own Taste The Harvest.

As part of Taste the Harvest this year we hosted a "Vineyard Tour and Taste" on March 20th. This included a guided tour of the Vineyard with Colin, tasting of the grapes and wines and a Platter lunch. Guests were very impressed with their morning out and we hope to make this a regular part of the Taste. At Festivalé we teamed with Hellyers Road Distillery from Burnie and won the 2011 Best New Stall!

Cellar Door Turns 5

Ghost Rock celebrated it's 5th birthday in April, and to mark the occasion we hosted another live Sunday music session with the Doctors Rocksters. The guys soon had the audience up and dancing and it was a great afternoon of fun and entertainment.

