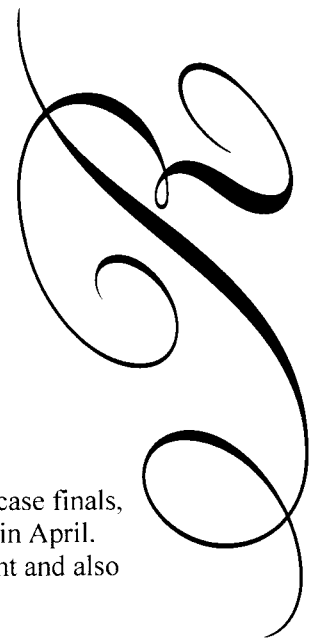


# Ros Ritchie Wines

Summer 2011



## **News and Happenings**

### Federation Square Wine Showcase

In August, our 2010 Pinot gris won the Trophy for the Best Victorian Pinot gris at the Showcase finals, a thrilling follow-up to our being awarded 2 Silvers and 3 Bronzes in the regional showcase in April. It is fantastic to have been acknowledged as a fine Victorian wine producer through this event and also that our small region of the Upper Goulburn has had more success in the greater wine arena.

### New Releases

In August, both the Mansfield and the Melbourne New release tastings were a great success and as usual great fun, with a get-together of friends enjoying delicious food and our tasty wines!

### October Spring dinners

We held two wine dinners this year; the first was an amazing degustation dinner at the Geelong Club, produced by Andy Pye and the club chefs, and the second, an excellent four course dinner, was presented by chef Marc and his team, at The Metropolitan in Melbourne. Great food, great wine and good friends, who could ask for more?!

### Halliday Book

Our wines have been included for the first time, classified as a new entry, in the 2012 edition of James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, and he has some good things to say about our first (white) wines from 2009. He gave 93 points to the late harvested Riesling 2009, both the Riesling 2009 and Sauvignon blanc (Gumbleton) 2009 were given 92 points and the Sauvignon blanc (Baxendale) 2009 was given 89 points. I'd better send him the next two vintages!

## **The Vineyards**

So far the weather has been kind, the budburst and growth has been very good and there looks to be a lovely, balanced crop across all the varieties – all it needs now is for the season to continue with moderate weather and a lot less of the problematic weather and humidity which we experienced last year, and it should be a good vintage.

## **Celebration Dozens**

I have put together two great dozens for the celebration of the festive season – the first is a lovely collection from our range: two bottles each of the Cuvée sparkling, Pinot gris, Gewurztraminer, Pinot noir rose, Late harvest Riesling and the Cabernet sauvignon, at the special case price of \$228 plus freight. Hard to resist!

And the second is for those hard core imbibers of wine that is red, a mixed case of the Cabernet sauvignon '09, the Shiraz 2010 and the Tempranillo 2010, at the case price of \$234 plus freight. To warm the cockles of the heart!

## **Newly on-line**

Our wines may now be ordered on-line through our website (praise be!), a great advance for those wine-lovers who are accustomed to this easy and convenient way of purchasing, and a long overdue update for Ros Ritchie Wines.

## **Events to come**

### Guest Cellar Doors (Saturday 3rd December, 2011)

Several of the smaller wine producers of the Mansfield region, without their own cellar doors, are joining together to hold our third Cellar Door Open Day; it will be again held in the garden at Kinloch Wines, overlooking the mountains and rural countryside. Ros Ritchie Wines will be there together with Mt Samaria and St. Winifred's! It'll be great fun with jazz and blues music as a fine background to tasting all of our wines and partaking of delicious food platters. Bring your friends and make it a pre-Christmas escape! We look forward to seeing you there.

## Events to come (continued)

### Cellar Door and Farmgate (weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2012)

The banks of the Yarra River at Southwharf come alive with wineries and wine-makers, beer producers and wonderful Victorian produce - serious lovers of all these things will be able to enjoy two delightful afternoons by the water and sample new releases and old favourites!

### Picnic in the Park (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 - Labour Day weekend).

A lovely relaxing day in the park at Mirimbah just in the lee of the mountains of Buller and Stirling, 25 minutes from Mansfield, is just perfect for families and groups of friends. Delicious food and wine from the local restaurants, and wineries, together with various musical interludes from terrific entertainers (both local and from out of town), will ensure that a great day is had by all! Pencil it in the diary

### Jamieson Jazz (weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2012)

For lovers of all things musical and especially jazz and blues, this weekend at Jamieson, set by the River, is a must! There are groups, soloists and duos, all with wonderful backing muso's of great character and entertainment, inspiring all who are inclined to tap, rock and get up and dance. In addition, there are accommodation and ticket packages, dinners with jazz entertainment, wines to be sampled (we'll be there!) and tasty food stalls.

Further into next year, we will be showing our wines again at Federation Square (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2012) and the last weekend in April is our wine region's major exhibition: the Day on High's gathers all our winemakers and vineyards together in the main Street of Mansfield for our Vintage Celebrations, followed by the hugely popular Long Lunch (29<sup>th</sup> April, 2012). **Book early** for a banquet of food, wine and musical entertainment!

## Diary Dates

January 2012	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> - Australia Day Bush Market, Highett Street, Mansfield
March 2012	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> - Cellar Door at Southwharf, Melbourne Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Picnic in the Park at Merrijig (Labour Day weekend) Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Jamieson Jazz Festival
April 2012	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Regional Wine Showcase at Fed. Square, Melbourne Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Bush Market, Highett Street, Mansfield Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> - Day on High, Vintage Celebrations of Upper Goulburn wineries Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> - Long Lunch at Mansfield Showgrounds, Mansfield

### Retail Outlets in Melbourne

Blackhearts and Sparrows, North Fitzroy  
City Wine Shop, City  
Europa Cellars, East Melbourne  
McCoppins Wines, all stores  
Riversdale Cellars, Camberwell  
The Botanical, South Yarra  
The Metropolitan, William Street, City  
Purvis Cellars, Surrey Hills  
Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie  
The Grosvenor Hotel, St Kilda  
Hampton Gate Cellars  
Toorak Cellars, Armadale

### Retail Outlets - Local

Mansfield Golf Club  
Alzburg Country Comfort Resort  
Café Forty One  
Delatite Hotel  
Foodworks (Mansfield, Yea & Alexandra)  
Mansfield Regional Produce Store  
Marian Rennie Studio Gallery, Acheron  
Mark's IGA  
Mingo's Bar and Grill  
Magnolia Country House  
The Deck on High  
The Mill Inn, Merrijig  
Ski Club of Victoria, Mt Buller

### Regular Spots to find our wine

Mansfield Farmers Markets - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month

Mansfield Bush Markets - Cup weekend, Australia day weekend, Easter and Queen's Birthday weekend.

### From us direct!

Order by going **on-line**, by **fax** and by **email**

All our wines are available in 6 bottle packs, or 12 bottle cartons (at 10% off the list price).

Our wines are delivered through Mansfield Express into Melbourne, and either TNT or AustraliaPost elsewhere. Freight is set at \$15 per carton for all destinations in Australia except for the NT and WA (now \$35 per carton).