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Wine news

Flood relief

Brisbane-based wine writer Tyson Steizer has been overwhelmed by the generosity of the wine industry in response to his Australian Wine Trade Flood Relief Raffle. At the time of writing, more than \$240,000 worth of exclusive wine, memberships, books and travel packages had been donated to the raffle to help raise funds for flood victims in Queensland and Victoria. To see the final figure raised by the raffle or to donate visit winefoodrelief.com.au

What's in a name?

The Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation has changed its name to the much simpler and more efficient Wine Australia. Also look out for the launch of the new consumer brand, A+ Australian Wine, to promote the heritage, diversity, and quality of Australian wine.

Durable, versatile

Since great wine experiences shouldn't be limited to the confines of your dining room, Plumm offers a range of glassware that is as happy outside as it is in. Plumm Outdoors glasses, designed by innovative Melbourne artist, Jean Pierre Diasol, look and behave like the real things with the added bonus of being unbreakable! Whether it's a barbecue with friends and family, a day at the races or a romantic picnic for two, these all-terrain polycarbonate glasses are right up to the challenge. Plumm Outdoors glasses won't cloud and are dishwasher safe. Check out the entire range including long stemware and decanters at plumm.com

Vintage goes on

Despite the devastating floods in Queensland, winemakers from the state have vowed they will still be able to make vintage. A week's worth of sunshine has lifted spirits and growers have been vigilant with sprays to ward off disease. The rains caused heavy damage in the Granite Belt region with an aerial shot of Sirromet's Seven Scenes vineyard showing the destructive power. Meanwhile, Ballandean Estate hasn't let the flood stop their support for the Mater Hospital Little Miracles Ball with Ballandean Estate wine served at the annual fundraising event.

Bravo Brendan

University of Adelaide viticulture student Brendan Carter is celebrating after he won this year's Lorenzo Gallì Wine Scholarship, picking up a \$10,000 all-expenses paid trip to Italy to explore its most outstanding wine regions and key producers.

Chester rides again

Louder than life winemaker Chester Osborn is cock-a-hoop over d'Arenberg winning 'Top All-Round Winery' for the fourth consecutive year at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, earning another hand-tooled silver-plated trophy saddle, sterling silver belt buckle and leather chaps. The competition is open to all countries and wine styles with over 1,700 wines competing from over 580 wineries. "It has to be the most fun award in wine," says Chester. "The saddles make a great talking point at the cellar door and I always get comments on the belt buckle when I wear it. As for the chaps, they are a conversation starter, but I'm not sure it's a conversation I want to have." In addition to winning 10 silver and seven bronze medals d'Arenberg won a handful of gold and Class Champion awards.

Top class

McWilliam's is offering the Wine and Spirit Education Trust Level Three Advanced Certificate in Wines and Spirits in a six-day course during April. For details email academy@mcwilliamswinery.com.au or phone (02) 9722 1200.

Maps at your fingertips

Tourism Victoria has unveiled the tenth edition of its official Wine Regions of Victoria guide and, for the first time, it is also available in iPhone app format which will bring information about Victoria's 22 wine regions to wine lovers' fingertips anywhere, any time. For more details see visitvictoria.com/foodandwine

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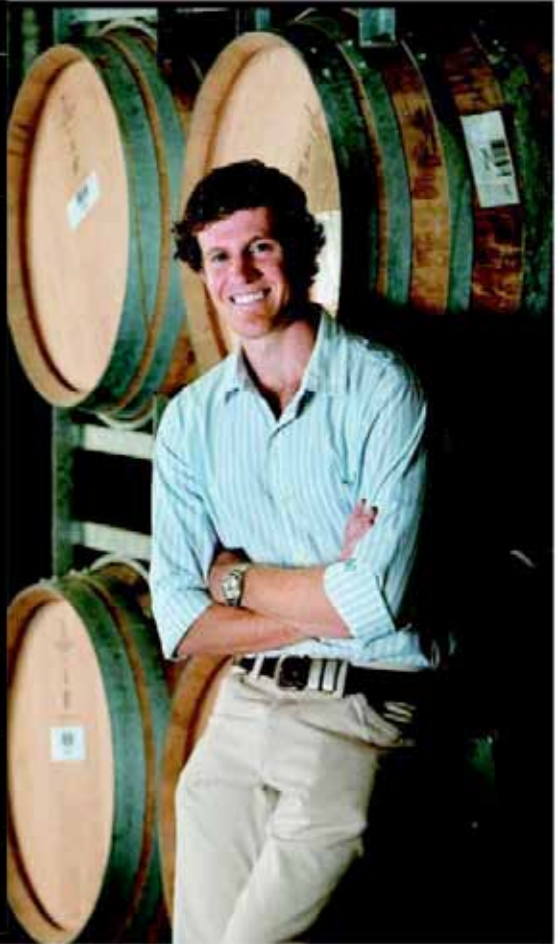
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INTRODUCING

taste of success

Just a year into his degree, wine student Brendan Carter has scooped the Lorenzo Galli Wine Scholarship

AGE: 20 **ORIGIN:** Brendan calls Parkside home but grew up in Queensland. After Year 12 he studied business and law at Queensland University of Technology, but the boredom bug bit hard after two years. **LABEL MATES:** To support his uni life, Brendan worked at a bottle shop. "It was a blessing that the store was very slow because I started reading the back labels of everything," he says. When Brendan realised he was enjoying work more than uni, he decided to head to France to do "the wine thing". **FRENCH FANCY:** What started off as a few weeks touring the French wine regions enthralled him so much, he sold his car to extend his stay. "I got as far as the Champagne [province] and never really left. I loved it," he says. The trip inspired Brendan to pursue wine and he moved to Adelaide in 2009 to study oenology at Adelaide Uni. **JUST RIPE:** One year into his degree, Brendan was encouraged to enter the coveted 2011 Lorenzo Galli Wine Scholarship, involving a blind tasting of more than 150 Italian wine varieties. He was dumbfounded when he won the \$10,000 prize trip to Italy. In the head-up to Brendan's trip, winemaker Stephen Farnell of S.C. Farnell has offered him vintage work. "Stephen is a wealth of knowledge, which will be wonderful because I haven't had much of a mentor." **TOP DROP:** Brendan's favourite local wine is a grenache from new producer, Ochoa Barrels. "The 2008 was a blockbuster of a wine and its 2009 is even better!"



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WINE DOWN



with Max Cruz

Not always an Apple a day

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The first disc inserted failed to register despite the computer's vast capabilities but more importantly, it failed to dis-insert. Even an hour-long call to Mania (a local call, thankfully) failed to cough it up.

However, it quickly became apparent that "cough up" was exactly what I would have to do if I wanted the friendly phone service for such problems for any longer than three months.

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— 8.9/10

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— 8.5/11

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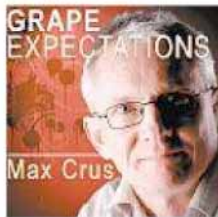
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