



Spring Edition 2010:

Dear Wine lovers,

Once again it has been a busy period for Galli Estate, here are few brief notes to keep you up to date;

The Winemaker

Another spring has nearly past and its time to fill you in on the news from the winery.

Firstly, the weather!!! It's always about the weather, but it's so important, not just for the vineyards, but for the wines too. Winter and Spring in Victoria has been plagued by rain, in fact Melbourne had its 4th longest winter in recorded history, i.e. 4 months with no days over 20C. The rains have filled all our dams (twice over) and we're in a great position, water wise, for the first time in 12 yrs.

In the winery the long cool winter reduced temperatures in our underground cellar, where our barrels lost less wine to the 'angles share' (i.e. less evaporation), which of course meant less topping etc. This is a great natural event to happen as cooler temperatures keep the wine in a more stable and fresh state while they are maturing.

Over the spring, the winery has been quite tranquil, a few bottling's, packing cartons for export, and constant tastings to make sure our barrels of wine are maturing well. Now that we're into late spring, I'm starting to blend our Chardonnay barrels, to select which barrels and batches will make our Artigiano Range and Famiglia Range respectively. It's an exciting time tasting all the barrels and trialling which barrels and batches are stronger than others. I'm very excited about the 2010 Chardonnay that I think we'll have our first small batch of Riserva Chardonnay, but I'll keep you posted as to when we'll put it in bottle.

Cheers Ben Ranken

The Vineyards (Sunbury & Heathcote)

After good winter rains in both vineyards, the dams are still overflowing. Budburst was 2-3 weeks behind last year, so great to see the vineyard back to some sort of normality (weather wise). In the Heathcote vineyard (Camelback) we planted more Sangiovese and a new varietal called Montepulciano. In the Sunbury vineyard we have been concentrating on landscaping the entrance to the vineyard and winery. Here we are also incorporating an "insectarium", which will be work in progress, but shall comprise of native flowering plants that will attract native insects to become natural predators to moths and caterpillars that are detrimental to the vineyard. It's all about getting back to nature!!!!

New Plantings

Heathcote

- 2 different clones of Sangiovese
- Montepulciano (An exciting variety from the heart of Italy)

Recent Events:

- James Halliday 5 star Rating renewal 2010 <http://www.galliestate.com.au/news/index.html>

- New distributor in NSW – Young & Rashleigh
- New agent in Queensland – Wines of Distinction
<http://www.galliestate.com.au/distributors/index.html>
- Heathcote Festival October, 2010.
- Online purchasing now available
- Winery tours – up and running Thursdays 1.30 – 2.30pm by appointment to ensure you meet the winemaker. The initial tours were embraced by both Melton & Sunbury Tourism offices
- Trade Day held Wednesday 10th November
- Ex-wine barrels for sale
- Pedder's car rally around the vineyard (invitation only)
- Web site fresh and up to date

Wine Releases

- Pinot Grigio 2010 being exceptional well received by wine writers and wine competitions, now released

Artigiano Range

- Nebbiolo 2009 just released and again getting strong reviews
- Viognier 2009 great wine with good praise – likely release, estimate early 2011

Riserva Range

- Il Acquario 2009 (Shiraz, Tempranillo, Viognier blend from Heathcote) bottled mid 2010 and likely to be released early 2011
- Sangiovese 2009 bottled early 2010 and likely to be released early 2011.
- Lorenzo 2009 (The best parcels of Sunbury Shiraz) bottled mid 2010 and likely to be released mid 2011
- Stay tuned as these 2009 Riserva wines are in small quantity.

Upcoming Events

- Olive Festival 21 November
- Werribee Harvest Festival 28 November
- Upcoming tastings;
- Hampton Gate Cellars Wine Expo 2010
 - Venue: Sandringham Club: 92 Beach Rd Sandringham Victoria 3191
 - Time: 7pm to 9.30 pm Wednesday 24 November

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