

Newsletter

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN AND OUT OF THE SHED.

Greetings

We hope life is treating you well!

It doesn't feel like that long ago when we last put pen to paper, but I guess looking back at what's taken place since our last Newsletter it must have been a while ago. It seems that there's been plenty happening.

Things have been good up here on the hill. This year's winter and spring have been kind with plenty of moisture around helping to keep the hillsides green and allow plenty of shoot growth on our beloved grapevines. It's only now that we're starting to feel a bit of warmth from the sun and see the hills are turning brown.

Our 2011 reds are happily lying in barrel, the 2010's are blended and about to hit the bottle and the 09's are drinking well and walking out the door at a nice pace.

We've had many visitors come to The Shed this year. The doors were open on a short term basis from the end of May until the end of the June long weekend with many new folk being introduced to the Dutschke drop. This is the second time we've done our "cellar door" during May/June and we decided it will become a regular pattern to our program.

We hoped to be able to open again in October, but we ran short of time because we double booked and it seemed a family holiday in Queensland to celebrate the winemakers 50th birthday was too important to miss out on. We still managed to do a number of appointment tastings during the year, which are always good fun and of course very rewarding. We enjoy sharing our story and its great to hear yours.

It's been another wonderful year! No complaints! Actually things are pretty good! And we have you to thank for it because we couldn't have done it without you! We hope you have a Merry Christmas and the best for 2012! Cheers!

Wayne Brenda

Sam JACKSON Nathan

'Come fly with me, let's fly, let's fly away.'

Don't you just love Frank Sinatra? I kept hearing this song in the back of my head as I was writing this story.

Back in April this year, Wayne had a clever idea for a birthday gift for his 85 year old father, Chilpie- a flight in a Tiger Moth. Chilpie learned how to fly in a Tiger Moth 60 years ago and he thought it would be a great thing for him



St, Jakobi Students Promoting the Barossa Air Show.

to revisit his days in the big wide blue. And while he was 'shopping' for this gift he thought it would be a good idea to book a flight in a Wacco (a bi-plane built for three) for both he and I. Our wedding anniversary is on the same date as Chilpie's birthday.

So a few weeks ago we packed up the kids, the folks and ourselves, along with Samuel, my nephew visiting from the US and went to the airstrip in amongst the vines between Willunga and Aldinga in our second favourite wine district, McLaren Vale. Chilpie packed up his old flying log-book, goggles and flight jacket and was raring to go. I was a little apprehensive at the small amount of plane surrounding me (and the lack of a much needed drink service) but I braved on! Wayne was very excited of course so we all hopped into our planes, raced down the runway and lifted ever so smoothly into the wild blue. It was amazing from such a beautiful vantage point seeing the beaches of the Fleurieu Peninsula and how clear the water is. We watched as the pilot of the Tiger Moth took Chilpie on "Mr. Toads Wild Ride", doing nosedives, dips and all sorts of aerobatics. We did a little bit of a loop and a dive as well, which

was quite exciting, felt like being on a roller coaster when your stomach drops.

We were talking about how this felt the following week when we were at the **Barossa Air Show**, which is the main bi-annual fundraising event for the St. Jakobi School (part of the proceeds also go to Camp Quality). We watched as The Roulettes and Chris Sperou (who is in his 70's!) twisted, turned, dived, inverted and blazed across the sky in their shiny red planes and wondered if they ever get used to that feeling in their stomach. It was an amazing show, one that is set up and run mostly by parents and staff of the St. Jakobi School. It is the only air show in the world that is planned, organized and run by not only a primary school, but also one that has only 180 students from Reception through to Year 7. A big amount of credit goes especially to the parents and staff that were on the planning committee as they did a stellar job putting this together as well as promoting it. It drew in big crowds on a day of spectacular weather, around 7,000 people. So next time you're drinking a glass of St. Jakobi Shiraz, just remember it is named after a little school that does things in a big way! Cheers!



Chilpie in the Tiger Moth



Wayne and Brenda in the WACCO



Deck the Halls with wines from Dutschke!

Christmas 2010 was the first time we created a special 6pk of Dutschke Wines to help place a tick next to a few people on your Christmas list. It was so popular we're doing again this year!

The 2011 Dutschke Christmas 6pk contains...

Dutschke 2011 86 Block Chardonnay
Dutschke 2009 WillowBend Shiraz
Cabernet Merlot
Dutschke 2009 GHR Neighbours Shiraz
Dutschke 2009 Sami Cabernet
Dutschke 2009 St. Jakobi Shiraz
Dutschke 2009 Oscar Semmler Shiraz

And your choice of **My Dad Has Purple Hands!** kids book or **Barossa Wine Traveler*** by Tyson Stelzer and Grant Dodd. *While supplies last.

All individually gift boxed with a Christmas card and delivered for \$200 including freight within Australia!

This is available to purchase on-line, by emailing **brenda@dutschkewines.com** or just give us a call on **08 8524 5485**.

As the saying goes, "There's a first time for everything".

This year in the winery and in the Dutschke family we have had many wonderful 'firsts'. We bottled our first Chardonnay under the Dutschke banner – the 2011 "86 Block" Chardonnay (all from the St Jakobi vineyard); enjoyed having our first vintage helper from overseas, Trevor from the United States; our first Single Barrel Cabernet Sauvignon; Jackson's first day of primary school; Wayne's first 50th birthday party; our first "Jackson" wine being bottled – a 2010 Cabernet Shiraz; first time Sami and I snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef (Jackson was happy to just dress up as a snorkeler!) and many others plus more to come I'm sure.

We occasionally hear some amazing stories about when some of you have been drinking a Dutschke red and would love to hear more so please tell us your story. Maybe even send us a photo. Was it at a special event or just hanging out under the verandah with good friends? We get a real kick out of these stories and love knowing that we in some way have been a part of something special.

Send me an email at
brenda@dutschkewines.com

Dutschke Mailbox

Brenda, it was lovely to meet you. I am so sorry we took up so much of your time. Your food recommendations were fabulous. We enjoyed our dining experience at Fermentasian, what a fab addition to the valley hey? This experience also ended up taking us over the hill (via some Dutschke wines along the way!) to meet Ben & Gill Radford at their hidden spot in the Eden Valley.

Lastly, it was hilarious bumping into Nathan in town the next day! Made us feel like locals!!!

Love to you all. Each time I am with you, I feel touched, valued and a little more at peace about the world.

Joanna & Doug xx

Hi Brenda and Wayne

Recently my friends Dick and Bev had their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dick has an extensive cellar and although he tells me he is now not cellaring any more wine past 2018 because at 86 he isn't sure he will have too much time left and his children don't have anywhere adequate to cellar the wine (I have suggested I have a well set up linen cupboard and could be of assistance). I gave them a bottle of GHR and Willow Bend and Dick asked me to relay to you all his congratulations and his compliments on making wine that is brilliant (he was much more effusive than this but it was January when he told me this and I have forgotten exactly what he said). I do remember him saying that the WillowBend had the most wonderful smell (and taste) and the GHR was one of the best red wines he has tasted for quite some time. He also said that Wayne is a very, very, clever young man.

The granddaughters Olive and Lucy like the book (My Dad Has Purple Hands) and I had to read it several times when we visited Auckland last month. I hope all is well and wishing you a good vintage.

Michelle

Dear Wayne Brenda and Nathan,

Thank you so much for the Dutschke Winery visit last Wednesday. Wendy and I enjoyed it all so much. The small working winery with such an intimate and welcoming atmosphere. The hospitality was exceptional – you have a real treasure in Nathan. And of course the wines – we loved them all. What a lovely brew you make! You must be so proud of yourselves, well done. Wendy said she will never forget our very special day in the Barossa and Dutschke Wines was the highlight.

Thank you and God bless,

Betty

Hi Wayne,

I have just finished a bottle of your "Old Codger" tawny port and thought I must contact you to say what a great product you have here. Reading the label about your work experience with the said "Old Codger", these memories are something to be treasured. Is the Old Codger still going or has age caught up with him? I hope this tawny port will be still available in years to come.

I am soon to be 68 years old and hopefully have many years left to enjoy "Old Codger". Next time I am over your way I will call in to see you. Good luck in the future.

Regards

Ernie

Dutschke Scoreboard

★★★★★ James Halliday
Wine Companion 2012

- 2009 GHR Neighbours Shiraz**
Hot 100 SA Wines – Adelaide Review*
94 pts – James Halliday Wine Companion 2012
93 pts – Tyson Stelzer
- 2009 Oscar Semmler Shiraz**
Hot 100 SA Wines – Adelaide Review*
94 Pts – Tyson Stelzer
96 pts – James Halliday Wine Companion 2012
Gold Medal – Mundus Vini, Germany**
- 2009 Sami Cabernet**
95pts – Tyson Stelzer
94 pts – James Halliday Wine Companion 2012
- 2009 St. Jakobi Shiraz**
92 pts – Tyson Stelzer
Gold Medal – Mundus Vini, Germany**
- 2009 WillowBend Shiraz Cabernet Merlot**
92 pts – Tyson Stelzer
91 pts – James Halliday Wine Companion 2012
- 2008 Greenock Shiraz**
94 pts – James Halliday Wine Companion 2012
- 2010 Cab Mac Shiraz**
91 pts – James Halliday Wine Companion 2012
- Sun Dried Shiraz**
Top 100 Wines – Tony Love, Taste.com.au
- Old Codger Tawny Port**
Gold Medal – Mundis Vini, Germany**
- The Tawny 22 Year Old Port**
Silver Medal – Mundis Vini, Germany**

*The Adelaide Reviews Hot 100 – we only submitted 2 wines and both successfully made it into the top 100!

** Mundus Vini – Our importer entered four of our wines into this wine show and all four received medals!



Wayne may have scored 50 cupcakes at his birthday bash...



...but Mum stole the show with her speech for the birthday boy!

WANTED – 1998 Oscar Semmler Shiraz

In the early days we produced a bit less wine than we do today (and we still aren't a huge operator!). With that we weren't good at stashing away much in the museum and are often sighing and wishing we did. We have gotten much better at putting away a number of cases for our museum rather than just 2 or 3 which we did in the past.

So now with the theme of our annual dinner in May 2012 being 'A Night of the Oscars' we'd like to have a few more bottles of the 98 Oscar Semmler to pour on the night. Can you help? If you have any 98 Oscar Semmler in your cellar we'll swap 2 bottles of the 09 Oscar Semmler for each bottle of 98. Sound like a good deal? Just send me an email brenda@dutschkewines.com and let me know what you've got! Cheers!





David and Debbie Bryan and Greg and Judy Manuel

Message on a bottle

In last year's November Newsletter I mentioned that Nathan had the suggestion that we randomly ask a few folk who choose to purchase a bottle of Oscar who they are and where they are when they drink the wine. This request was hand written by me on a plain white sticker and then stuck onto 20 bottles of 2006 Oscar Semmler Shiraz before being wrapped in the "newspaper" and randomly placed into cartons. We had no idea which direction these bottles were heading. There was a chance that they could have been exported to Germany, Denmark or Russia, or shipped to one of our distributor's interstate, or perhaps taken home by one of our "Shed" customers.

We have now heard back from 5 friendly folk who took time to send us a response.

We have met Lachlan of Brisbane who drank the 06 Oscar after purchasing it from The Wine Experience wine shop. We heard from Terry who received a bottle as a gift for his Birthday from his nephew Andrew who runs another bottle shop in Brisbane. See Hoe from Singapore sent us an email after finding a bottle. David from Bundoora, Victoria enjoyed his bottle of Oscar with family at the Christmas lunch. And I received a phone call one night from an old work colleague (from 15 years ago) who happened to be staying at the Coolum Hyatt Queensland while taking a break from Darwin. David and his wife Debbie chose a bottle of Oscar from the Hyatt wine list while dining out with friends from Adelaide. David phoned me from the restaurant with bottle in hand (and food on the table) not believing the chances of this happening. Firstly David thought it was quite a thrill to have found a bottle of Dutschke on the wine list, but then

to find one of the 20 bottles with the sticker. What were the chances? It was a great chance to have a quick chat and laugh (as his dinner got cold) after having not spoken for probably 10 years or longer. Here's a photo of David, Debbie and friends still laughing at the experience.

We've had feedback from 5 of the 20 bottles marked. That means there are still 15 bottles sitting in someone's cellar or still resting on a shelf in either a wine shop or restaurant waiting for the chance to be opened. We'll keep you posted as the responses come in. It was a great deal of fun to have done this with the 2006 Vintage Oscar, so much so, that we've decided to send out the same message on 20 bottles of 2009 Oscar to keep the feedback coming.

2011 Barons of the Barossa Winemaker of the Year

We'd like to finish off this Newsletter by sending our congratulations to Peter Scholz of the Willows. Peter was named the 2011 "Barossa Winemaker of the Year" earlier this year as voted by The Barons of the Barossa. We know how it feels to have won this award. It's the greatest thrill to have your peers see you as worthy of carrying this title. I'm sure it helps the business with some increased recognition and sales, but the biggest thrill is to be acknowledged

by others you admire for doing your best at something you love to spend your days doing.

Last year at the 2010 Barossa Wine Show awards we all got to know Peter Scholz very well. Peter's 2005 Willows Semillon was awarded best Semillon of the show. That night at the award presentations he then got out of his chair on another four occasions to pick up four trophies, would you believe it, three for just one wine. His 2010 Willows Riesling picked up a trophy for the best Riesling. The same wine then collected the trophies for best single vineyard wine and white wine of the show. This was quite an incredible result, as the Willows Riesling is fruit taken from the Barossa floor

near Lights Pass and stood out amongst the high country Rieslings of Eden Valley. And after all that, Peter was shaking hands and having photos taken for picking up the trophy for the most successful exhibitor.

It didn't stop there! At this year's Barossa Wine Show awards we saw "Big Pete" receive another best Semillon of the show trophy for his 2006 Willows Semillon. Well-done Peter! A great bloke, and what a fantastic thing it is for another small Barossa producer to be recognised for making great stuff and excelling in this world of wine among some pretty tough competition, all from grapes grown on his own precious patch of dirt!



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