

Newsletter

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE SHED!

Greetings!

We hope you are well!

As you know we're a little late in sending this letter out to you this year and of course as a result we're a little late in announcing the 2007 red release.

Things here on the hill are going well, we are forever busy and we're always confronted with new and exciting opportunities. So there are some exciting times ahead for the Dutschkes.

Over the last few months we have had a few changes take place with personnel so when you next email or call you could be speaking (or emailing) with someone other than Brenda or myself. Dutschke Wines is now a multinational operation. I know many of you have become used to Brenda's American accent, but now you could be met with either an English, New Zealand or good old Aussie voice at the other end of the phone. If you ask Nathan (our new assistant winemaker) he thinks we're missing an Irishman in the team here at Dutschke. That way we can add regular jokes to our newsletters about "An Englishman, an American, an Australian, a New Zealander and an Irishman walk into a bar.....". We have the bar!

Introducing The New Team.

It's time for Brenda to be spend more time as a mum and less time tied to the desk, so we now have a great team to help lighten Brenda's and my load and take Dutschke to where we want it.

Nathan Schultz ("The Aussie") is our new Assistant Winemaker and "Good All Rounder" replacing Jason who had been with us for 4 years. Jason decided to leave the

wine industry and take up a new role with something he is very passionate about, the Country Fire Service. It was hard to see Jason go as he really helped to build our little winery here on Gods Hill, but at the same time we know that he is very happy in his new role. Nathan joined us in the Shed after Vintage this year to lend a hand with the winemaking, warehousing, despatch and anything else that might come our way. Nathan comes to us after a 7-year stint at Murray Street Vineyards. Prior to Murray Street Nathan spent time with Nepenthe Vineyards and drove machinery in Western Australian vineyards. It's great to have Nathan here and he is already making his mark with his dry sense of humour and great ideas. He has a passion for wine, enjoys the hands on winemaking role and offers many new, fun and exciting suggestions for what we can do here at Dutschke Wines.

Maree Beattie ("The Kiwi") is our accounts and administration chief. Not every office has a qualified accountant and naturopath to shuffle the papers and pay the bills. Brenda and I are very fortunate to have Maree help us keep the books straight. If it's a Friday when you phone it will be a New Zealand accent at our end of the phone. Maree is good fun and wonderful to have around and she always has a story for us at Friday morning teatime.

Rob Hammond ("The Pommy") will be manning the phone most days, so rather than a Yank answering the phone from this point forward it'll be a Pom. When the phone isn't ringing Rob will be putting his "two bob" towards our sales and marketing,

taking on the majority of Brenda's role. Rob is new to Australia and new to the world of wine, but has a wealth of experience in the sales and marketing world of tele-communications and more. He came to Dutschke after seeing a photo of Brenda, Sami and myself in the Pictorial Atlas of James Halliday's. Rob liked the family feel seen in the photo and thought he'd like to lend a hand to the small family outfit. Brenda and I have shared with Rob many of our ideas we have collected over the years, but just haven't had time to implement them. Now we have someone to drive these ideas and of course compliment them by adding many of his own. Rob has only been with us for a few weeks, but has already had an impact and leaves his "stamp" on some great new ideas for our web site which you will see next time you go on it. I'm sure he has more tricks up his sleeve. Rob's email is rob@dutschkewines.com

Brenda is making a transition from being a full time 'volunteer' with Dutschke Wines to being a full time mum. She will be stepping away from her full time day-to-day office role to spend more time preparing kid's lunches and ferrying "the monkeys" to school and kindy and back. Brenda will often be parked next to her computer in the house and will only be a phone call away from us in the office, so she will still be playing her part in what goes on by keeping an eye and ear open and making sure that all stays on the rails. She will still be around to say hi when you come to see us in The Shed, most likely with a kid or two hanging on her leg. Brenda can still be reached at Brenda@dutschkewines.com

Here's something new!

As you know our 2007 release is a little later than normal. It is also a little lighter than normal with only three 07 reds being released and a smaller quantity of each – St. Jakobi Shiraz, WillowBend and GHR Shiraz. The crop levels from the 2007 Vintage were about half of what we are used to seeing, but the quality for us was terrific. 2007 was a generous fruit flavoured year and we are very excited about the quality of our 2007's.

Now, here's what's new in the Bottle for you!

Available Sept 2009 (deliveries start week of Sept 21st).

2007 Dutschke WillowBend Shiraz (38%) / Merlot (33%) / Cabernet (29%)

The 2007 WillowBend was let out the door earlier as the 2006 vintage sold out quite quickly so some of you may have already had a bottle or two sent to you. Like our 2006, the 2007 WillowBend has called on a bit more Shiraz than what we had been used to seeing in the mix over the past few years. Having a little more sweet mouth filling Shiraz than what we have of the other 2 varieties this blend has become rich and flavoursome. It's a generous wine, deep in colour, rich and with plenty of red berry fruit flavours. As always it has the structure to develop further with time in the bottle.

2007 Dutschke GHR (Gods Hill Road) Neighbours Shiraz

With crops being down one of our growers on Gods Hill Road wasn't able to provide us any fruit for our GHR blend. So instead of GHR "Four Vineyards" we have turned the name to "GHR Neighbours". This covers us for when we are not able to grab fruit from the four vineyards on Gods Hill Road. It's a better name anyhow! Again the 07 GHR wine sees us mix the wonderful and contrasting "Gods Hill Road" Shiraz blocks together for a mouth-filling juicy red wine. The 07 GHR Shiraz is ripe plummy and red berry fruit

characters with fine grain tannin support from the 18 months spent in French and American oak hogsheads.

2007 Dutschke St. Jakobi Single Vineyard Shiraz

As usual this wine has been matured in both French and American oak hogsheads. 2007 St Jak's shows a very generous aromatic lift of blackberry fruit that we sometimes do not see in this wine. Flavours are rich mouth filling and juicy with great layers of flavours. Tannins are soft and as usual, it has everything else required for further cellaring. There's of course always a limit to how much St. Jak's we can make from the 32 rows of vines on this block. A Vintage like 2007 drastically highlighted this for us.

Other wines fresh off the bottling line and now back on offer are:

Dutschke The Tawny 22-year-old

Like last year, I've taken only few hundred litres of our 22-year-old Tawny from the tin shed to put to bottle, as it's important that I don't run out of this precious stuff. We keep the quality consistent by topping the old Solera with some more fabulous old stuff after taking out what we need for bottling. Rich, rancio, butterscotch flavours, warm alcohol and fantastic length of flavour.

Dutschke The Muscat

In order to keep the quality consistent we've only a bucket full of this one too. Even though we're building stock of good old Red Muscat since finding some precious old vines just down the road. We need to use it sparingly, so we have plenty more for the future. Rich and luscious! Great stuff!

Dutschke The Tokay

There's only one row of this variety left standing so unfortunately we can only produce a small quantity of Tokay each year. The 2009 Vintage resulted in only 2 barrels

being produced. Cousin Jeff ends up with one barrel in his shed and that only leaves us one barrel to drive into our shed. The Tokay is a rich, luscious and flavoursome wine. It has an average age of 9 years and is fabulous stuff!

Dutschke Sun Dried Shiraz

This unique and concentrated liqueur Shiraz has always created plenty of interest. It is thick and viscous and has characters of black currant, liquorice, and plums with plenty of warm alcohol at the finish and it certainly benefits from cellaring.

Back Vintage & Larger Formats

Every year we hold back a selection of wine for our own back Vintage collection. If there is a particular vintage or large format wine you may be interested in then please let us know and if we have it we'll be happy to help. Obviously the stock is limited so we are only extending this offer to you, our private clients so drop us an email or give the Pom a call.

Thanks very much for your interest in what we do here on Gods Hill Road. Please let us know if there's anything we can help you with and we'll be happy to do so. Also thanks very much again to those who have supported us over the years. It's great to enjoy our precious drop with such wonderful folk. There are also many interesting ideas in the pipeline so stay tuned! Keep well and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers!



Wayne, Brenda, Sami and Jackson
(and Maree, Nathan & Rob)

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OUR LATEST SCORES ON THE
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James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010

Dutschke Wines again is a 5 red star winery (That's 4 years straight with a 5-star rating). Here's what James had to say...

Dutschke 2006 Oscar Semmler Shiraz

Demonstrates the Barossa Valley's capacity to produce shiraz with enormous depth and length without dead fruit; just mouth-watering, velvety shiraz flavours, tannins and oak in the chorus. 96 pts.

Dutschke 2007 St. Jakobi Shiraz

A striking bouquet with an extra degree of fragrance, ranging through red and black fruits, the medium-to full bodied palate with fine tannins and quality oak supporting the fruit. 95 pts.

Dutschke 2007 GHR Shiraz

Deep dense colour; a robust, full-bodied wine with multiple layers of black fruits, licorice and tannins; built to last and isn't alcoholic. 94 pts.

Dutschke 2007 WillowBend Shiraz Merlot Cabernet

A wine which is in a different idiom to the Dutschke shiraz's, more willowy and lighter bodied, with a mix of savoury red fruits. 89 pts.

Wine 100 Magazine July 2009

Dutschke 2007 St Jakobi Shiraz

Nick Stock: *"Trademark Dutschke freshness and richness here, this has a really uplifting nose of ripe blackberry fruit. The palate dishes up a good whack of juicy flavour, approachable Shiraz with enough structure to carry the distance and toasty oak to close. One of Barossa's best 07s."* 93 points

Dutschke 2007 Willow Bend Shiraz Merlot Cabernet

Nick Stock: *"Superb bright, rich blackberry fruit nicely captured here. There's an earthy nuance too and an impressive ball of flavoursome fine tannin with oak boosting the structure through the finish. Balanced, even and lingering, impressive for the vintage. Drink now to 2017."* 91 points

Tyson Stelzer's 2007 Dutschke Review

Dutschke WillowBend Shiraz Merlot Cabernet 2007

The bouquet has ripe plum and fresh red cherry fruit, showing riper characters and more seamless balance than it did when it was released late last year. The palate is juicy and fruit-focused with good red fruit length, although the finish suffers a little from drying alcohol, which makes it a little hot on the end. The fruit pulls through, nonetheless, with a long berry/cherry finish. 2009-2010 89 points

Dutschke GHR Shiraz 2007

Packed with ripe black plum, berry and cherry fruit, this is a big GHR, but it holds its balance well. Tannins are fine and structured and the purity of its fruit coasts over its supportive dark chocolate oak backbone. It has great length and signature Dutschke freshness that holds its poise. It's a triumphant GHR from a tough drought vintage. 2011-2014 92 points

Dutschke St Jakobi Shiraz 2007

Layered with black plum, deep-set berry fruit, prune notes and dark chocolate oak, this is an impressive St Jak and a credit to Wayne's control in the vineyard and the winery. It's a ripe style with some fruitcake spice richness which is offset by attractively fresh acidity and seamlessly structured tannins. The alcohol gives a lift to the finish without leaving it in any way dry or hot. An impressive St Jak. 2012-2016 93 points