

Newsletter

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

25th Anniversary

Ken and I squashed grapes for our first wine from Ken's St Jakobi vineyard in 1990, and it was at smoko time during this year's Vintage that Craig Butcher our Vintage casual reminded us of this, and calculated that 2014 was our 25th harvest. Wow! My, how life flies by! What better way is there to spend 25 years? A lot has happened during this time and we've enjoyed it immensely. Thank you all for finding our wine over the years and for your support, allowing us to make this our life.

Business continues to be steady here on the hill. Again this year we've found there to be a steady flow of wine out the door. Stocks of only three of our 2012 reds remain. Those we do still have stock of are 2012 GHR Shiraz, 2012 Jackson Cabernet Shiraz and 2012 Oscar Semmler Shiraz.

Although in The Shed we are sold out of the 2012 Sami Cabernet, 2012 St. Jakobi Shiraz and 2012 80 Block Merlot, we imagine you will still be able to find a few bottles at your local bottle shop. Let us know if you need help finding some and we can send you in the right direction. We have also just bottled the 2013 80 Block Merlot which is now available from The Shed and of course there's our range of fortifieds.

We typically consider enjoying a glass of Tawny or Tokay on a winter's night, but in fact they're a good drink on a warmer night/day when served chilled. And with a bit of imagination can be turned into a refreshing cocktail as our "Ideas Man" Nathan presented during our last series of Shed dinners. Here is an example...

Dutschke Julep

- 60ml Old Codger Tawny
- 8 or so mint leaves
- Crushed ice
- 2-3 drops of bitters
- Squeeze of fresh lime
- Mix to drink



If you come up with your own creation we would love to know about it!

Just email our Shed bartender at nathan@dutschkewines.com



Wayne and Ken in the very early days making plans for the original WillowBend Wines, now Dutschke Wines.

Dinner in The Shed

Back in May 2009 we held our very first Dinner in The Shed, with around 45 guests gathered amongst the barrels to enjoy a few glasses of red and have a meal. These guests came from every state of Australia, aside from Tasmania, and it was the first time we had met several of you who had been enjoying our wines for many years. Over the past 5 years, these dinners each May have evolved into having themes, including Dutschke Unearthed where bottles of wine were served 'blind' in hessian bags and the largest being A Night of the Oscars, with 100 people in black tie and evening gowns walking the red carpet and enjoying many vintages of the Oscar Semmler Shiraz. This year we held 3 smaller dinners, each catering for 20 guests to make it a more intimate affair.



Dutschke Unearthed – May 2013

Meeting you and giving you a taste of what we do was the entire purpose of having these dinners and we have enjoyed getting to know you as many of you make the Dinner in The Shed as part of your annual pilgrimage to the Barossa. Many of you have seen our kids (Sami and Jackson) grow up, especially Sami as she was always keen to greet guests as they arrived. With kids getting older, demands outside of work increase so we thought we would take a year off from the Dinner in The Shed and concentrate only on our 3 week Shed opening in May 2015 and make that a great event. We'll keep you posted on our plans for 2016.

Scoreboard

We are always very humbled when we receive such high praise from various wine writers and critics. Our most important critics, however are those of you who drink Dutschke on a regular basis. We always appreciate the kind words and the experiences you have when drinking our wines, whether it is an engagement, birthday party or finding a bottle in some exotic location while travelling. Not long ago a couple came to us for a tasting – their first time to the Barossa- and a few hours after spending time with us, Myles proposed to Ebonie and she said YES! So congratulations to Myles and Ebonie, may you have an eternity of happiness!

Here are a few scores sent to us by some notable wine journalists...

Dutschke 2012 80 Block Merlot *SOLD OUT*

93 points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2015

94 points – Tyson Stelzer

Gold Medal – Barossa Wine Show 2013

90 points – The Wine Advocate, February 2014

Dutschke 2012 GHR Neighbours Shiraz

95 points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2015

94 points – Tyson Stelzer

Dutschke 2012 Jackson Cabernet Shiraz

92 points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2015

Dutschke 2012 Oscar Semmler Shiraz

96 points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2015

96 points – Tyson Stelzer

Dutschke 2012 St. Jakobi Shiraz *SOLD OUT*

95 points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2015

95 points – Tyson Stelzer

91+ points – The Wine Advocate February 2014

Dutschke 2012 Sami Cabernet *SOLD OUT*

94 points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2015

95 points – Tyson Stelzer

Gold Medal & AP John Cooperage Trophy – Best Cabernet – 2014 Barossa Wine Show

Dutschke Single Barrel – Scores from Lisa Perrotti Brown MW, The Wine Advocate – Feb 2014

Dutschke 2010 Single Barrel Cabernet Shiraz – 96+ points

Dutschke 2009 Single Barrel St. Jakobi Vineyard 78 Block Cabernet Sauvignon – 96+ Points

Dutschke 2008 Single Barrel Max's Vineyard Shiraz – 95+ Points

Dutschke 2008 Single Barrel Staker Vineyard Shiraz – 94 Points

Dutschke 2008 Single Barrel Wally's Block Shiraz – 93 Points

Dutschke 2008 Single Barrel St. Jakobi Vineyard 75 Block #2 Shiraz 97+ Points

Dutschke 2008 Single Barrel St. Jakobi Vineyard 75 Block #1 Shiraz 96+ points

Dutschke 2008 Single Barrel Poplar Holme Block Greenock Shiraz 93 Points

A New 'Best Friend'

Many of you who have been to visit us here on Gods Hill Road have already met our friendly Alpacas, Yogi and Boo Boo, who we have had since Sami was a baby. They have been a bit spoilt having the paddocks to themselves so you can imagine their shock when they suddenly saw a little black and white fur ball slowly creeping up to them to have a closer look (but not too close!). This would be Cody, our new little Border Collie puppy that we adopted a few weeks ago. He is a very cute little pup and being only 12 weeks old is amazingly well behaved. He can sit and stay on command and doesn't even cry at night when we put him to bed in his kennel. He is a great addition to the family and Sami and Jackson just adore him. Even Nathan can't help himself and keeps taking photos with his phone to show friends and family. So next time you pull in the gate, you may in fact see Cody bouncing up to say hello or as he gets a bit braver, rounding up Yogi and Boo Boo. Might teach him to round up the kids, too.



Cody checking out Yogi and Boo Boo

Thanks again for all the support and kind words you share with us over the years. It goes without saying that we really appreciate it and makes all of our hard work worthwhile. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and may 2015 enrich you with good times and laughter with family, friends and of course a glass of Barossa red!

Cheers!

Brenda, Wayne and Nathan

