



Geelong Wine eNews - Summer 2011/12

INDUSTRY NEWS

And the winner is...Geelong Wine!

Geelong wines have been receiving rave reviews from wine reviewers and bloggers across the country, numerous wine show awards and our wineries achieved an unprecedented number of 5 star ratings from the famed Halliday Wine Companion 2012.

The 2011 Geelong Wine Show, now in its 13th year, brought together big and small producers from across the region, showcasing both the diversity and the quality of wine produced. Chairman of the 2011 judging panel, Ben Edwards, was particularly impressed by the 2010 vintage, which he predicted would be one of the region's enduring hallmarks. A record number of wines exhibited were awarded medals.

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Geelong wines have also achieved outstanding results in a number of other wine shows, including the recent Le Concours des Vins du Victoria, the Victorian Wines Show and the Dan Murphy National Wine Show of Australia.

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FEATURED WINERIES



Brown Magpie Wines

Take a beautiful drive and visit Brown Magpie Winery, just off the Great Ocean Road, in the hinterland of the Surf Coast, and only 20 minutes from Geelong.

The winery produces the finest quality Award winning wines...

[Website](#)



Mermerus

Our vineyard is situated on the eastern slopes of Murradoc Hill, on the Bellarine Peninsula, with views over Swan Bay and the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

The vineyard is named after the colonial clipper "Mermerus"...

[Website](#)



Austins Wines

A long standing love affair with the Moorabool Valley and a commitment to consistently producing superior Burgundy style Pinot Noir have placed Richard & Pam Austin along with son Scott as one of the largest family holdings of Pinot Noir vines in Australia...

[Website](#)

NEWS & EVENTS

- > [Summer opening hours for wineries on the Surf Coast, Moorabool Valley and Bellarine Peninsula](#)
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TOAST TO THE COAST 2011 - 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY !

A celebration of Geelong Wine!

Record crowds joined Geelong winemakers and vigneron in 'Toasting the Coast' on this year's Melbourne Cup Long Weekend. The Festival was an outstanding success!!

Congrats to our Toast Competition Winner B. Kingsley, Geelong who won 1 doz bottles of Geelong Wine



For more pictures visit www.toasttothecoast.com.au

THE GEELONG WINE POUR 2011

Showcasing Geelong wines

Geelong Wine partnered with some outstanding local restaurants this year to showcase local wines – all have a commitment to supporting regional wines and produce. When you're next dining out, please consider the following:

2 Faces Restaurant | Alto Cucina Lounge & Bar | Athelstane House | Baveras | Bellarine Estate, Bellarine | Black Sheep | Black Bull Tapas Bar & Restaurant | Cafe Botticelli | Cafe Silk | Chris's Beacon Point | Clyde Park Vineyard & Bistro | Elephant and Castle Hotel | Elkhorn Roadhouse | Empire Grill | Jack Rabbit Vineyard | Mr Hyde | Oakdene Vineyards Restaurant & Cellar Door | Parkers Steakhouse | Sandstone Cafe | Scorched | Vue Grand Hotel | Waterfront Restaurant & Bar at Four Points by Sheraton | Winchelsea Larder.

[Click here](#) for restaurant contact details

DEAR WINE GURU...

What is the difference between Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio?

Confused wine enthusiast, Glen Iris.

Dear Confused wine enthusiast,

It's actually a great question and one that is frequently asked here at Cellar Door!

Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio – two wines commonly seen in cellar doors, restaurants and retail outlets throughout Australia are derived from the same grape varietal, 'Pinot Grigio'. Both Gris (French) and Grigio (Italian) when translated to English mean 'grey' and the essential difference in attributing these 'names' to finished wines translates back to the style in which they are made.

Pinot Grigio (Italian) is generally picked earlier, hence the alcohol is lower, the wine is more acidic, savoury and mineral and some would suggest may lack flavour and be a little bland. Pinot Gris (French) is picked later, hence the alcohol is higher and the resultant wine is round, rich and oily in structure with more flavour and sometimes a little residual sugar/sweetness.

There are many great examples of each made in Australia and sometimes the lines are blurred stylistically or could I say a little 'grey'!!

Darren Burke, Winemaker, Leura Park Estate



NEWS FROM OUR WINERIES

Geelong wineries are THE place to be over summer! Visitors to the region can enjoy picturesque bay side towns, magnificent surf beaches, fantastic regional food in an ever increasing number of top restaurants, as well as the awesome Otways....and sensational wines!!

Cellar doors are open for extended days/hours over summer with great food, music and a number of exciting special events coming up:

Special events

[The Minya by Moonlight Concert Series](#) - Torquay's Minya Winery launches its 'Minya by Moonlight' concert series, situated in the vineyard's tranquil outdoor amphitheatre. Tickets are \$35 through GPAC www.gpac.org.au. Picnic hampers also available.



[Shakespeare in the Vines](#) - Leura Park Estate and Essential Theatre present 'Much Ado about Nothing', Friday 10th and Saturday 11th February, 7pm (gates open at 5pm) followed by live music until late. \$40 per person - Show Only; \$60 per person - Show & Gourmet Hamper. Limited tickets through GPAC www.gpac.org.au

Summer Opening hours



[Bellarine Estate](#) - Open daily with special 'Sunday sessions' featuring casual yet stylish menu, live music from local entertainers

[Clyde Park Vineyard and Bistro](#) - Open daily, Thursday to Sunday lunches, Friday and Sunday evening dinners with live music on the terrace.

[Jack Rabbit Estate](#) - Open daily for lunch and guided tastings 10.30 - 5pm. Dinner Friday and Saturday nights. Plus summer is set to be HUGE with the grand opening of 'The House at Jack Rabbit' - our sensational new tasting room boasting the most spectacular views across the bay - all is set to be revealed - come see for yourself!

[Leura Park Estate](#) - open daily in January 10.30 - 5pm, with live music on Sundays - 60's, 70's and 80's

[McGlashan's Wallington Estate](#) - Open daily from December 17 until end of January. Featuring new local produce store. Gourmet Tasting Platters, Abalone Sales, Classic Car Display, Automotive Memorabilia Display, Maritime Memorabilia Display.

[Ponda Estate Vineyard](#) - open every weekend, and 7 days a week in January

For more winery opening hours and contact details [click here](#)

And don't forget to look out for your favourite Geelong wines to enjoy over the festive season - there will be special 'Geelong Wine' displays in liquor outlets across the region!



Geelong Winegrowers, winemakers & winery staff wish you
a very Merry Christmas
and a safe and happy new year.

CHEERS!!

Geelong Wineries Touring Information

For information about touring Geelong wineries and this spectacular region, visit www.winegeelong.com.au

Geelong Wineries touring brochure and map

Next time you're passing a Visitor Information Centre, pick up the Geelong Wineries touring brochure map. [Read more](#)

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