



Windrush  
News!



## Windrush Wines Newsletter- Spring 2008

Welcome to the first edition of the Windrush Wines and Vineyard Café newsletter! A lot of our friends and guests have asked if we could pass on news from Windrush- such as progress of the vintage, new wine releases, menus from the café- the list goes on! We felt the best way to do this is in a newsletter- and four times a year fits in with the vineyard seasons very nicely! So welcome to our first edition, spring of 2008....

### In the vineyard



2008 spring (bud burst) has been unusually wet and cool. Lots of regular rain has kept the mid-row green and lush, and the vines have taken off! We can literally see growth happening before our eyes! The chardonnay in particular seems to put on an inch of growth in a day- - we see them grow between daybreak and dusk!

In some years vines can suffer 'spring fever'- when the vine starts growing but the soil is still cold and therefore locks up a number of minerals the vine needs. This can make the vine leaves look a little pale and pasty for the first few weeks of bud burst. But not in 2008- rich green colour and vigour so early makes us think the 2009 vintage will be something special!

### Fowl News from Guinea!!

The Windrush Pest Control Team have taken to visiting the Café at about 11 am each day- providing our visitors with a noisy welcome and entertainment as well, as they rummage through the pasture looking for bugs to devour!

A great sight- 100 willing workers (well, a few less since the foxes have worked out where they can dine out as well) who help us to have a pesticide-free vineyard!



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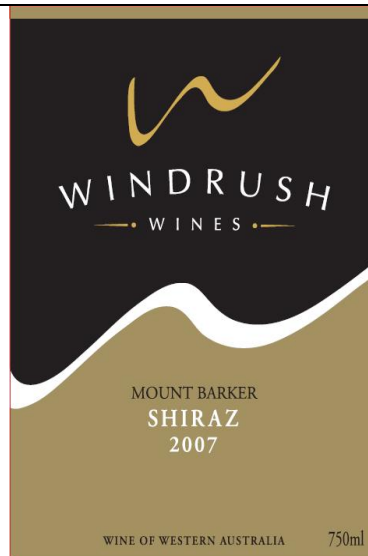
## **From the cellar...**

Congratulations to our October monthly prize draw winner- Dianne Nathan of Winthrop, WA! Dianne's October entry card was drawn from the barrel, earning her 2 bottles of our best Windrush wine. Dianne and her husband Raj made a special trip back to Mount Barker to pick up her prize (and to have another great lunch at The Vineyard Café!) Well done Dianne- your entry now goes into the annual draw!

## **Christmas Wine Specials! Available for 'Friends of Windrush'**

**2006 Shiraz- \$15.50 a bottle! (RRP \$18)**  
**2007 Chardonnay- \$19.90 a bottle! (RRP \$21.90)**  
**2007 Rosé- RRP \$19.90- don't miss out!**  
**2007 Shiraz- \$20 per bottle! (RRP \$22.90)**

**Offer runs 1 December to 31 December 2008.  
Contact us and mention 'Christmas Special' to  
grab a bargain!!**



## **New Release Wins Gold!**

The Windrush 2007 Mount Barker shiraz has been awarded a Gold Medal and Silver Medal in its only two wine show appearances so far!

Bottled in July, we released this wine for sale at the cellar in late October 2008. It has an intense colour, bouquet and palate. Plush blackberry, cherry and mulberry fruit flavours are enhanced by classic shiraz spice and subtle oak tannins. Drinking beautifully now and for at least 5 years.

**RRP \$22.90**

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## Medals, anyone?

The 2008 wine show season has just come to a close, and we can now list our medal haul! We selected a small number of shows we thought relevant to us as a boutique, premium WA wine producer. And what a result- the number of awards we achieved came as a wonderful thrill!

### **2007 Shiraz**

#### ***Gold Medal***

- 2008 *National Cool Climate Wine Awards*

#### ***Silver Medal***

- 2008 *Australian Small Winemakers Show*

### **2006 Shiraz**

#### ***Bronze Medal***

- 2008 *Boutique Wine Awards*
- 2008 *Cowra Wine Show*
- 2008 *Blackwood Valley & WA Boutique Wine Show*
- 2008 *Australian Small Winemakers Show*

### **2007 Chardonnay**

#### ***Silver Medal***

- 2008 *Blackwood Valley & WA Boutique Wine Show*
- 2008 *Australian Small Winemakers Show*

#### ***Bronze Medal***

- 2008 *Perth Royal Wine Show*
- 2008 *Qantas Wine Show of WA*
- 2008 *Winewise Small Vigneron Awards*
- 2008 *Cowra Wine Show*
- 2008 *National Cool Climate Wine Awards*

### **2007 Rosé**

#### ***Silver Medal***

- 2008 *Winewise Small Vigneron Awards*

## What's cooking at The Vineyard Café

The Vineyard Café officially opened on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008- a great day for Caroline and David as well as our staff. A lot of planning, preparing and practising paid off, and day 1 went smoothly! Everyone had a wonderful day (even Caroline despite 'opening night' nerves!) and our guests rewarded us with excellent comments about the food, presentation and service.

Since then we have been pleased to welcome new and many regular guests back (some on several occasions) and they all say they had such a great time on their first visit, they just had to come back! So if you are down Mount Barker way, drop in and say hello! We'd love you to experience our fine food and wine as well as take in the views, ambience and relaxing setting!



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A really popular place for our guests has been on the deck area around the main café. With spring in the air, and the days quickly warming up there is nothing better than relaxing on the deck, overlooking the vineyard, the Hay River Valley and across to Mount Barker hill!

Lucky visitors may even get a visit from our resident pest controllers- 100 Guinea Fowl who patrol the vineyard looking to make a meal of our problem insects! They seem to like to call past the café at about 11am - perfect entertainment while you enjoy coffee and cake, or an early lunch!

Another feature our guests just cannot resist is our delicious range of cakes and desserts on the famous 'Café Cake Board'!

Baked daily by Caroline, these sweet delights taste as good as they look. We always provide a number of these cakes (and main meals as well) to cater for dietary needs such as gluten-free, low GI and vegetarian requirements.

Who said that food that is good for you can't taste good as well? Not at The Vineyard Café- mouth-wateringly good!



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