Visit in Winter to enjoy some hearty Reds!

Steels Creek Estate

Newsletter ~ Winter 2018



Welcome to Steels Creek Estate's winter newsletter.

With such dry weather we have woken to frosts for the first 2 days of winter. We have had misty mornings with the fog rising and closing back in, numerous times before the sun finally wins and sends the mist swirling dancing and lifting. I watch enthralled knowing there is no point

running for the cameras it can never capture all the subtle light variations. It may be a cold start but it also means clear sunny days perfect to enjoy the beauty of Steels Creek Estate. We have been making the most of the sunny days enjoying plenty of outdoor time tidying the gardens of autumn leaf fall and getting an early start on the pruning of the Chardonnay – the first vines to go dormant. The last few leaves are still clinging on to the red grape vines and the apple tree, a testimony to the warmer than average autumn and there are a few of the roses up the drive still pushing out flowers.
As soon as the sun drops below the range the temperatures drop rapidly with clear skies signalling time to stoke the fireplace and warm up with a glass of Shiraz and slow cooked casserole.



At Cellar Door

The exceptional 2015 Colombard has now, unfortunately, sold out. The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon stocks are also very low, so if this was one of your favourites then you will have to act fast. We expect to run out over the long weekend so if you would like us to hold you a few bottles give us a call. The 2016 Colombard will be released in the next week or so, we are just waiting on labels to arrive. Join us at the tasting bench for a chat while sampling our hand crafted wines. See below for shortest lunch special offer on our 96 point Shiraz available only for the month of June. Also available to online customers, price will be reduced when we confirm payment!
We are open on public holidays so if you are planning a trip to the Valley for the Queen's Birthday weekend we will be here to serve you from 10 till 6 each day.



In the Vineyard

Vintage yielded very well this year after good rains in spring followed by dry conditions prior to harvest. We sold some of our Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz to producers hungry for good quality fruit.
Below average rainfall continued into autumn so after we picked each grape variety we rewarded the vines with a few deep overnight waters to help the vines recover. This prolongs the leaf coverage giving the vines time to draw nutrients into their trunks and root zone, before their winter hibernation, creating the reserves for next spring budburst.
We are trying to get an early start on the pruning this year as we have a family wedding in July and are planning a vacation to Italy so we are all work now so we have time for play later.



In the Winery

This year we decided to have the floor of the barrel room and cool room cleaned and sealed.
We have limited the amount of wine we made this year to make juggling for space a little easier and also limit winery work to allow time for a vacation. At the moment all the contents of the barrel and cool rooms are in the wine processing area as we wait for the new floor paint to cure.
Things are a little crowded at the moment but a little chaos just adds to the charm of a small family business and everything will be tidied away soon.





Shortest Lunch

As mentioned in our last Newsletter we will not be participating in the Shortest Lunch this year (23rd & 24th June). We have done 17 years of this event and hence it is a great pity for us not to catch up with our many past visitors and also meeting new friends of Steels Creek Estate.
Do not despair though, we will be open and operating cellar door over the Shortest Lunch weekend so please call in if you are over this way for a complimentary tasting. All our wines will be on tasting including the very popular 2014 Cabernet Franc.
In addition, to entice you to visit we will be offering a super Special on our 96 point 2012 Shiraz - for all of June.

2012 Shiraz - 6 bottle pack at $220.00 - a discount of nearly 17%
2012 Shiraz - 12 bottle pack at $396.00 - a discount of 25%

Opening times

We are open Friday from 2pm till 6pm and on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and all public holidays 10am till 6pm. For Queens Birthday weekend and Shortest Lunch our excellent 2014 Cabernet Franc will be on tasting along with our usual great wines.

All our current wines may be ordered online at http://steelscreekestate.com.au or you can simply call us to place your order. Remember, we offer discounts for six pack and twelve pack purchases and free freight to the Melbourne metro area and excellent freight rates, courtesy of Australia Post, elsewhere in Australia

Cheers,
Simon and Joanne