

Through the Bottom of My Glass



A Quarterly Newsletter from Bellvale Wine

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JOHN'S LATEST RELEASE

Intensity is what I look for in a chardonnay and I think the 2012 Athena's Vineyard Chardonnay with its lovely acidity, multiple layers, long palate and beautiful fruit is just a delight. It's now at our regular stockists and restaurants (I've listed a few below) or purchase via me at the winery. <http://www.bellvalewine.com.au/bellvalewinesale.html>

Some generous words from Rob Hicks...

John's 2012 Athena's Vineyard Chardonnay is remarkable, the complete package, with beautiful unity and great subtlety. A harmonious wine - right now. It has now, what many wines aspire to reach in time. It is an outstanding 'restaurant' wine. Its detail is not exposed - there's nothing angular about it, it's simply a 'complete' wine.

WHAT'S YOUR PALATE TELLING YOU?

I'm always fascinated by how varying palates dictate perfect matches. But if I had to suggest a few goodies, I'd say that our Estate or Quercus Vineyard Pinots marry really well to Peking Duck, the Pinot Grigio to most antipasto cured meats and vegetables (enjoyed on a sunny day in the garden) and the Chardonnay is perfect with the delicious and unique Chatham Island Blue Cod - definitely worth searching out.

OUR NEIGHBOURS

Barry over at Berry's Creek Cheese has won another fabulous Royal Show award for his brilliant blue cheeses, and we reckon our Quercus Vineyard Pinot Noir would be a perfect South Gippsland match! The results: **Tarwin Blue** - Gold Medal, **Bellingham Blue** - Gold Medal and his **Rowefords (goat's milk)Blue** - Bronze Medal.

Some other great locals that make a short trip down south more than worth your time - Victoria's best wood-fired pizza at Trulli Pizzeria in Meeniyan - it's directly south (as the crow flies) from us, here in Berry's Creek. Other Meeniyan greats are the Meeniyan produce store and Moo's at Meeniyan, also worth a mention is the well known Koonwarra store (just south of Leongatha) and not forgetting the lesser known Fish Creek Hotel.

SOME INTERESTING WINE WRITERS 'TWEETING'

Winefront - Campbell Mattinson, Gary Walsh & Mike Bennie @Winefront (10,000+ followers)

Huon Hooke @HuonHooke (4,900+ followers)

Ben Thomas @senorthomas (3,600+ followers)

Ralph Kyte-Powell @ralphkp (600+followers)

Nick Stock @stockwine (10,000+ followers)

Jeni Port @jeniport (2,700+ followers)

Mike Bennie @mikerism101 (8,330 followers)

Dan Sims @DanSims (6,375 followers)

James Halliday @winecompanion (17,800+ followers)

Vince Pignatelli – our own Victorian distributor & wine expert @Winestock_Vic (300+ followers)

RESTAURANTS POURING AND CELLARS SELLING

I was really thrilled to see so many of our loyal restaurant partners recognised at the recent Age Good Food Guide awards, it reminded me to offer you a short list of some of our stockists

Restaurants

Dr Morse
Albert Street Food & Wine
Becco
Cutler & Co Dining Room
St Crispins
Farm Vigano
Ladro Restaurant
Matteo's Restaurant
Mister Bianco
Mercato at Daylesford
Park Hyatt Melbourne

Cellars

Beaumaris Cellars – South Concourse
Barrique Wine Store - Healesville
Cloud Wine – Camberwell, Sth Melbourne & Brighton
The Melbourne Wine Store – St Kilda Road
Richardson St Cellars – Middle Park
Piedimonte Supermarket – Fitzroy North
Vino Central - Ivanhoe
Seddon Wine Store – Victoria Street
Wine Republic – Fitzroy
Bottega Tasca -Carlton

BYO Restaurants

And I thought it was time we gave a shout out to some BYO's for those of you who have a Bellvale in the Cellar. This is a list worth sticking on the fridge door...compiled by the clever Ben Thomas from the Weekly Review Magazine

Supper Inn
France-Soir
Flower Drum
Peko Peko
La Luna
Abla's
La Lucciola
Ladro –Greville
Da Noi
Quaff
Bistro Thierry
Preserve Kitchen
Remy Bar de Tapas
Trinitas
Chois
Sapore
Church Street Enoteca
Sapore
Sails On The Bay

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