

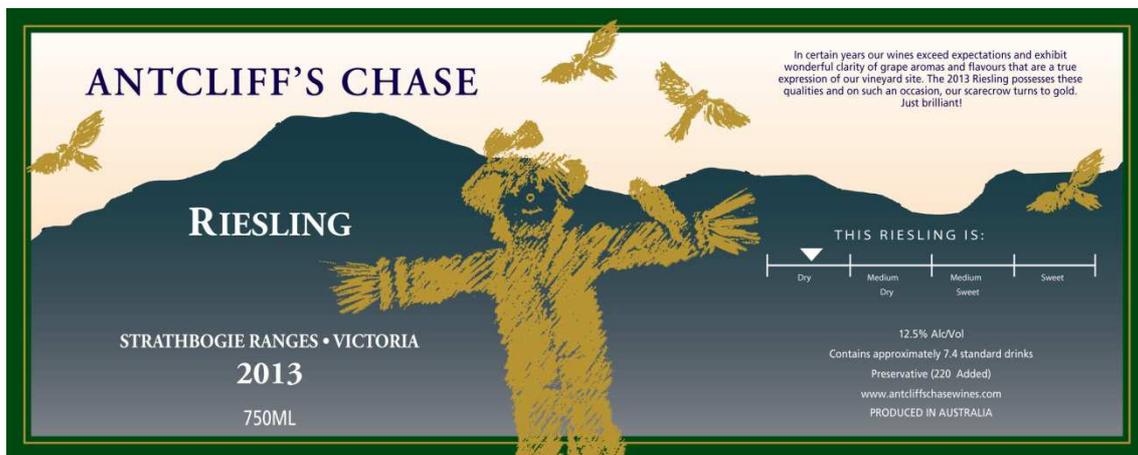
ANTCLIFF'S CHASE WINES STRATHBOGIE RANGES



Welcome to our 2014 Summer Newsletter

Hello to everybody. We will be sending out wine packs to all members over the next 2 weeks, so if your preferences have changed please let us know.

2013 Riesling



This wine was awarded the best 2013 Riesling at the recent Victorian Wine Show and is amongst the best we have produced over the last 25 years.

Clean citrus aromas coupled with a lush full palate and racy acidity make it ideal for summer drinking.

Stocks won't last, so get some to drink now and to put in your cellar.

Members price is \$200.00/doz and normal cellar door price \$240.00/



Summer 2014

Well, it's another scorching Summer with long stretches of extreme heat throughout January and into February coupled with a lack of rain since mid-December.



This year our crop is smaller than usual due to cool windy conditions at flowering which has produced a smaller number of bunches that are looser than average. However the quality looks very encouraging and I'm hopeful of securing interesting wines again this season.

As I write, the grapes are softening and changing colour, and the familiar bird sounds that are only heard during this time of the year are returning.

Vintage will most likely begin in four to five weeks' time and as much as the country-side needs rain I am hoping for blue skies over the next month!

Regards

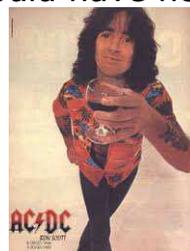
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Veteran rockers AC/DC have launched their own wine. Sales of "Hells Bells" Sauvignon Blanc and "Highway to Hell" Cabernet Sauvignon are apparently booming in the 40 to 60 year old demographic.

I'm sure the irony here wouldn't be lost on the late Bon Scott who may have put away more than his fair share of alcohol during his life.

No doubt he would have heartily approved!





Irritating Wine terms



When you read a random sample of wine tasting notes and back labels, there are a number of terms that commonly keep appearing that can be not only misleading, but down-right irritating as well.

Here are some of worst examples around at present:

- ICON – sometimes seen on a new range of labels
- RESERVE – Can be used as a starting point with a lack of any defining meaning
- BURGUNDIAN – For Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines originating outside of France. have you ever seen Coonawarraian on a Cabernet from another region?
- BOUTIQUE – Commonly found to advertise a winery that may crush thousands of tonnes of grapes
- OLD VINE – Used without any indication of just how old the vines are that the wine was made from, 50 years+, 20 years+ or what?
- 100 POINT SCORE WINE – So what does that mean, is the wine perfect and how about a wine that you think is better, just where can you go from there?
- PREMIUM – Or sometimes Super Premium that can be found on a \$12.00 Shiraz at the local supermarket.





The Vineyard Robotic helper



The Mosel River valley in Germany is one of the most picturesque wine growing regions found in the world and the home of great Riesling wines.

Farming the 30 degree slopes is not only very time consuming but also quite dangerous work, so it's no surprise to learn that many young people are loath to work in such situations and therefore as a result such many good vineyard sites are being sold off or just falling into dis-repair.

The reason vineyards are set up on these sites is to do with ripening the grapes in a part of the world that is marginal for always getting enough heat to get a crop that will produce great wine. However the clever German people have used the steep slopes leading down to the river to get maximum sunlight exposure onto the vines as well as using the reflected heat off the water to aid in getting the fruit ripe in most years.

But help is at hand for the hard working vineyard workers in the form of a robot called "Geisi", sort of a cross between a Mars rover and a tractor.



Roboter „Geisi“, © Forschungsanstalt Geisenheim

By crawling up the rows un-manned, it travels on the steepest sites without any trouble, helping with spraying, pruning and picking and easing the vineyard workers load as well as work-cover worries.

Very cool, I want one!



Some Statistics



The latest Wine range in the U.S.A.



I'm just waiting for "Jim's Shiraz" to hit the shelves here.

