

# Yarrh! Yarrh! Yarrh!

The Monthly Newsletter from Yarrh Wines  
July 2009

## LUNCH AT YARRH

We have a new style and menu for our monthly lunches. The new menu will consist of a tapas style, where you will be able to choose as many, or as few, dishes as you please.

The menu will continue to focus on fresh local produce and will be perfectly matched to our wines.

We will also have a featured wine of the month, which for August is Sangiovese. Of course, all of Yarrh's medal winning wines will be available and we always have an interesting performer to entertain you.

The Cellar Door re-opens for tastings from Saturday August 1 and every weekend we will continue to have available antipasto platters.

## BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED

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We are very excited about our new menu and style of monthly lunches and welcome Richard Everson from Country Guesthouse Schonneg who will be providing catering for our lunches from August onwards. Please join us on Sunday August 2 and also see 'Glass by Janis' an exhibition of glassworks by local Canberra artist Janis Hine. More information below.

Although the cellar door has been closed, Fiona has been busy in the winery sourcing labels for new releases, topping barrels and organising wine for export to China.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Fiona and Neil

## SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

At the launch of Green's Senator Bob Brown's Photographic Exhibition held at Helen Maxwell Gallery in Braddon on Friday 10 July, we announced the formalisation and development of our sustainability plan to operate across the entire property which will include energy use, herbicides, nutrition, disease management, water and carbon emissions.

After 12 years of operating our vineyard and winery we have noticed the impact of herbicides and artificial fertilisers on the environment and are looking for a better way of managing our farm.

We are not looking at formal organic accreditation at this stage, we just want to be able to grow excellent fruit and make excellent wine, in a more sustainable way

We have already eliminated the use of herbicides by using under vine mowing and replaced artificial fertilisers with natural fertilisers. Our sustainability plan incorporates using organic fungicide sprays and biological farming practices.

We will keep you updated on progress in our Green Yarrh section in this Newsletter.

## Greening Yarrh

Neil completed a week at Barraba to learn about composting. And found the experience a real eye opener. There are significant risks to soil and plant in using low quality materials, and making quality humified compost is not as easy as it may seem. Neil has begun implementing the lessons he learnt which will go towards improving the soil quality and therefore the fruit. We look forward to the results.

Take a look at our new website.  
You can now place your orders online  
at [www.yarrhwines.com.au](http://www.yarrhwines.com.au)

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## EXPORT MARKET LOOKING FOR QUALITY WINES

Next week we send our second container of premium wines to China, including a couple of pallets of one of our most successful wines – the 2006 Shiraz. A growing middle class in China is demanding higher quality products, and seek out wines with strong colour and depth of flavour. While we are a minnow in this market, and relatively unknown, it is pleasing to see a second order coming through. Our distributor in Xiamen needs to work hard to promote the Yarrh brand, but this seems to be paying off.

## GLASS BY JANIS

We are pleased to announce an exhibition of Glassworks by local Canberran artist Janis, which will be held at the cellar door during the month of August.

Janis produces artworks made from glass and uses many variations of techniques to produce her works which include mosaics, 'warm glass' which is kiln fired to produce bowls and platter and jewellery.

We aim to support local art as much as possible, in June we held an exhibition of ceramic works by another local artist Anita Callaway.. We also sponsor Helen Maxwell Gallery in Braddon. Wine and art go together so perfectly as it is all about creativity and imagination.

Janis' work is available for sale, and Janis will be on hand on Sunday August 2 to talk about her work and answer any questions you have. Why not book a table for lunch and come along and meet her.

