

WELCOME NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

Welcome to 'Unfiltered', our newsletter to the friends of Allandale.

Big news in the wine industry at the moment (and in other exporting industries) is the strength of the Australian dollar. Despite what seems like a constantly appreciating dollar, we still managed to again get some more export arrangements in place in both **China and Canada** - two quite difficult markets for small companies.

The highlight for the last month was our exciting win at the recent Hunter Valley Wine Show with the '**Maurice O'Shea Memorial Trophy**'. The winning wine was the **2007 Semillon** which we have made available through this newsletter. The wine is drinking fantastically at the moment and will continue to improve for many years.

Also of note was our recent **Strings in the Winery**. Again a magical evening, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. Stay tuned for a date for the event in 2012.

As always thank you for your on going support of the winery and all the best for the Christmas and New Year break.

B. Sneddon
Bill Sneddon
General Manager/Winemaker



Allandale is bringing to Sydney one of the Hunter Valley's classic varieties, Semillon, in a rare and not to be missed

Vertical Tasting of Allandale Semillons.

WHEN Wednesday 23 November, 2011

TIME 6pm to 8pm

WHERE MoS Café & Bar - Museum of Sydney Cafe, 37 Phillip St (Cnr Bridge St), Sydney

PRICE \$45 pp / \$35 pp Club AW members

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Join the **Allandale winemaking team** at **MoS Cafe & Bar** for an intimate evening to show case our award winning Semillons in a vertical tasting consisting of 10 years of Allandale Semillon accompanied by gourmet cheese plates.

You have the rare opportunity to taste aged Semillons, some of which we have less than a dozen left, as well as our latest trophy winner, the 2007 Semillon and the new release of our Winemaker's Reserve 2011 Semillon. You will have the option to buy Allandale's famous Semillons and speak to the winemaker himself. **Limited spaces available. Book now.**



ALLANDALE TAKES HOME A TROPHY

Allandale is renowned for Semillons, always making their mark in the wine industry.

In late August the **2011 Clear Image Hunter Valley Wine Show Awards** were held and we are very excited to announce that our **2007 Semillon** was

awarded the **Maurice O'Shea trophy for best dry white wine currently available.**

This fine wine has refreshing grapefruit and lemon characteristics, a long, tight palate structure, and a fresh crisp finish. Perfect for a warm summers day and a great match with shellfish or prawns.

To allow everyone the opportunity to taste this trophy winner, Allandale has released the wine again for a short period of time, and it is now for sale in cellar door for **\$30 per bottle/ \$305 per dozen**. Great for a Christmas present with the season fast approaching or to indulge in yourself, order now.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2011

HUNTER UNCORKED FESTIVAL at BALMORAL
Sunday, 6 November, 2011

www.hunternvalleyuncorked.com.au

TASTES AT THE BAY

Saturday & Sunday, 5 & 6 November, 2011
www.nelsonbaybusiness.com

ALLANDALE SEMILLON VERTICAL TASTING
Wednesday, 23 November, 2011 - 6 to 8pm
www.allandalewinery.com.au

MAY 2012

LOVEDALE LONG LUNCH

Saturday & Sunday, 19 & 20 May, 2012
www.lovedalelonglunch.com.au

What's Been Happening

LOVING THE LOVEDALE LONG LUNCH

The **Lovedale Long Lunch** will be in its 19th year in 2012. Known for a fun day out with family and friends, the Lovedale Long Lunch keeps getting better and better as the years go on. 2011 Lovedale Long Lunch was an outstanding success with attendance the highest ever, wonderful weather and great people.

Next year the event will be experiencing a few changes, in order to accommodate the ever growing crowds and to make sure the day is a blast for everyone. Keep an eye out for brochures, posters and the official Long Lunch website for more information on the changes to the event.

19 and 20 May, 2012

www.lovedalelonglunch.com.au

STRINGS IN THE WINERY

Early September, Allandale hosted the biggest ever **Strings in the Winery** evening with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and dinner by Mojo's on Wilderness.

With the weather being perfect on the night, everyone could share in Allandale's panoramic view across the valley with a glass of William Sparkling and canapés on the lawn, to begin a very special evening.

The Orchestra was superb, performing music with a Venetian Splendour theme and we were thrilled to be joined by Sun Yi Ma, a very talented Violinist, in the Orchestra. Strings in the Winery is definitely an evening everyone needs to experience. Keep an eye out for the 2012 Strings date in the next newsletter, the website and on Facebook.



THE TEAM

Tanya has always been a true Queensland girl and she went back home with her husband to celebrate the birth of their new baby boy, Cameron Roy Henzell Harvey (*pictured top left*). Cameron arrived on 13 August 2011, weighing in at 2.8kg and 48cm. Congratulations Tanya and Baz!

Tanya wasn't the only one to have a new baby born this year. **Fiona** has a newborn little boy, Harrison Anthony Rodgers on 10 January 2011. Older brother, Noah (*pictured left with Harrison*) was very excited to welcome his new little brother into the family. Congratulations Fiona, Greg and Noah!



We are also excited to announce

our Assistant Winemaker, **Alex Woods** proposed to his partner Kirsty Gregson early July (*pictured right*). Wedding plans are scheduled for next year. We wish them all the best for their new married life together.



FACEBOOK & NEW WEBSITE

In the last newsletter we mentioned the release of Allandale's new website. It is complete and up for everyone to view www.allandalewinery.com.au.

You can download tasting notes, find out the perfect match of wine and food, download an order form, join the AW wine club and be kept up to date where the next Allandale event will be showing casing your much-loved wines.

Don't forget to post a message on our Facebook page, we would love to hear from you.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT WINE

Did you know ... There are over 2000 varietals of wine, just in Italy alone.

Did you know ... As early as 4000 BC, the Egyptians were the first people to use **corks** as stoppers.

Did you know ... Putting ice and kosher **salt** in a bucket will chill white wine or Champagne faster.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE "CELLAR RAT" APP?

Cellar Rat Wine App is designed to rate the vintages across several wine regions nationally and internationally. So the next time you're out at a wine bar or restaurant, wanting to buy a nice bottle of wine, check out Cellar Rat and have your answer in seconds.



New Releases



2007 Semillon

TROPHY WINNER at the 2011 Clear Image Hunter Valley Wine Show

Recently at the Hunter Valley Wine Show Awards Allandale's 2007 Semillon took home a Trophy.

Predominantly grown on our 25 year old 'Creek Flat' vineyard in front of the winery blended with fruit from the Hindmarsh Vineyard. Both vineyards are in the Lovedale area of the Lower Hunter Valley.

Refreshing grapefruit and lemon, long tight palate structure, fresh crisp finish. Perfectly matched with shellfish or prawns. Drink within first 2-3 years or cellar for 6-10 years.

\$30 per bottle
\$305 per dozen



2010 Chardonnay

The fruit was sourced from two distinct vineyards in the Hunter Valley; Midnight's Promise vineyard and the old established Trevena vineyard.

Initially cold fermented in stainless steel, fermentation was finished in high quality French oak where this wine gained complexity for a further 6 months.

Stone fruit and fig aromas dominate complemented by cashew nut from the new French oak. Further complexity is derived from extended ageing on yeast lees adding a creamy/bready weight to the palate. The wine is flavoursome, balanced and elegant. Best matched with fowl, pork or creamy pasta.

\$20 per bottle
\$195 per dozen



2011 Winemaker's Reserve Semillon

Fruit was sourced from our 25 year old award winning 'Creek Flat' vineyard. This single parcel of fruit was selected to illustrate the quality and intensity of Semillon from this area.

Picked early in the vintage and cold fermented using specially selected yeasts.

Crisp grapefruit and sherbet with lifted lemon/lime flavours. The palate is long and tight with a clean, fresh finish.

Ideal with fresh seafood and shellfish. Drink in the first 2-3 years or cellar for 6-10 years.

\$50 per bottle
\$520 per dozen (Special Newsletter discount)



2010 Orange Merlot

The fruit was sourced from a cooler climate vineyard in the foothills of Mt Canobolas at Orange, NSW.

Dark fruits and a hint of spice on the nose followed by rich flavours of current, black cherry and plum dominating the palate.

This is balanced with vanillin from the American oak and a smooth lingering finish.

Perfectly matched with beef steaks in red wine jus.

\$25 per bottle
\$255 per dozen

CHRISTMAS RELEASE DOZEN

2008 William Sparkling
2007 Semillon
2011 Winemaker's Reserve Semillon
2011 Orange Sauvignon Blanc
2011 Traminer
2010 Verdelho
2010 Chardonnay
NV Lombardo
2010 Matthew Shiraz
2010 Orange Merlot
2008 Hilltops Cabernet Sauvignon
2011 "Anna" Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Christmas dozen **usually \$312**, but if you order today you can receive \$100 off this great Christmas dozen, making it only **\$212**. A free personalised Christmas card is included in every Christmas dozen ordered, and we will freight it to that very special someone. Great for corporate gifts, for friends or family or even just for yourself. (See over for order form).



ORDER TODAY
TO RECEIVE
\$100 OFF
THE CHRISTMAS
RELEASE DOZEN.

IT'S ALLANDALE'S
GIFT TO YOU.

Merry
Christmas

Order Form

NEW RELEASES

	Per Item	Per Dozen	Order Quantity	Price
2007 Semillon	\$30	\$305		
2011 Winemaker's Reserve Semillon	\$50	\$520		
2010 Chardonnay	\$20	\$195		
2010 Orange Merlot	\$25	\$255		

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

2008 William Sparkling	\$30	\$305		
2011 Orange Sauvignon Blanc	\$20	\$205		
2011 Traminer	\$19	\$195		
2010 Verdelho	\$19	\$185		
NV Lombardo	\$19	\$195		
2010 Matthew Shiraz	\$25	\$255		
2008 Hilltops Cabernet Sauvignon	\$25	\$255		
2011 'Anna' Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	\$30	\$305		

CHRISTMAS RELEASE DOZEN (Usually \$312. See over for details.) \$212

*ROAD FREIGHT RATES PER DOZEN

Newcastle - \$3.00 Sydney - \$9.00 Elsewhere in Australia - \$12.00

Purchase of 3 or more dozen is FREIGHT FREE

Sub Total \$
*Road freight (see left) \$
TOTAL \$

DELIVERY DETAILS FOR YOU

Name **DOB

Delivery Address

..... State Postcode

Phone Fax

Email

Any special delivery instructions?

DELIVERY DETAILS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT DOZEN IF ADDRESS DIFFERS FROM ABOVE

Name

Delivery Address

..... State Postcode

Phone

PAYMENT METHOD

Cheque enclosed for \$ (payable to Allandale Winery) or Credit Card

CREDIT CARD TYPE Visa Mastercard Amex Diners

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY Name on card

I declare that I am over 18 years of age. I take responsibility to ensure that no person under 18 years of age will take delivery of the wines ordered.

Signature:

** NSW DEPARTMENT OF GAMING AND RACING: LIQUOR ACT 1982

It is an offence to sell, or supply to, or obtain liquor on behalf of a person under the age of 18 years.

Thank you for your order!

Allandale Winery License No: 702526

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