

Grampians Estate News

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Grampians Grape Escape
Halls Gap Oval

CELLAR DOOR

Western Hwy

Great Western

Opening Times

10—5pm EVERY Day
(Except Xmas Day)

New Awards

**Grampians Best
Small Cellar Door**

**Cellar Door with
Best Food**



Grampians Grape Escape

Matt Preston heads west

Matt Preston is the headline act at this year's Grampians Grape Escape Festival in Halls Gap on 3rd and 4th May. Now in its 24th year the festival continues to thrive, it is now Victoria's longest running country wine and food festival.

Matt is a food journalist, restaurant critic, writer, and television personality, best known for his cravats and his role as a judge and co-host on Masterchef Australia.



Matt will be conducting three cooking demonstrations and hosting a panel of local food and wine producers.

The two day festival incorporates a wide variety of entertainment and fun set on the Halls Gap oval surrounded by mountains. Amongst the 100 plus exhibitors are 30 of the regions finest wineries, there are food and wine masterclasses, there is the barrique auction, the barrique having being blended from the best Grampians Winemaker's wines, grape stomping, and music all weekend including Tex Perkins and the Dark Horses and Budha in a Chocolate Box.

There's plenty for the kids too with rock-climbing, puppet workshops, animals from the Halls Gap Zoo and face-painting.

An amazing weekend, get your tickets on-line and enjoy a top weekend in the Grampians.

Winestate Five star wines



Two Grampians Estate wines received the maximum 5 star rating in the Mar/Apr edition of Winestate magazine. The **2013 Grampians Grenache**:

"Vibrant light red hues and quite a Rhone-like nose, like blue cheese and raspberries. Palate is rich and sweet without being over-the-top with good length and balance of fruit. \$25."

The **2012 Streeton Reserve Shiraz** is yet to be released but made a big impression:

"Perfumed dark fruit fragrances with powerful peppery characters and a distinctively cool climate palate perfectly balanced, complex and peppery with excellent grippy tannins."

Only 60 dozen of this vintage was made. It will be much sought after when it is released later in the year.



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Footnote: James Halliday Wine Companion 2009 "They have an exceptional newsletter that helps build fierce loyalty and as the vineyard recovers, the Guthries and their customers will be the winners."

WINE NEWS

New Releases & latest reviews

2013 Mafeking Shiraz

Wine Genius March 2015:

"Finely crafted and certainly well-balanced. This deeply layered Shiraz offers soaked plum, mocha / cedary oak and vibrant crackling blue fruit acidity. Backed by fine tannins, with nuances of black olive, white pepper and floral lift. This is another excellent wine from Grampians Estate."

Drinking Range: 2013-2020

Score: 94. \$24



2013 St Ethels Shiraz

A new release.

Winestate Magazine Mar/Apr 2015:

"Distinctive peppermint characters on the nose and lovely fruit intensity across the whole length of the palate. Savoury gamey tannins." Four stars.

A single vineyard shiraz from the 1878 St Ethels vineyard at Great Western. \$50.



2013 Grampians GST

Winestate March 2015:

"A complex minty/menthol bouquet and a palate that is soft, sweet and juicy in the mouth. \$28." Three and a half stars.

This wine (Grenache Shiraz Tempranillo) has a lovely savoury palate and has been very popular at cellar door. As we say, it has "10% more flavour". \$28



2010 Kelly's Welcome Cuvee

Wine Genius Mar 2015: "With the full accompaniment of Champagne varieties and with four years on lees, the 'Kelly's Welcome' Sparkling is improving with every release. Cut apple, ripe pear, white flowers and subtle toasted aromas continue through bouquet to palate. Good mousse and ample acidity to keep the finish fresh. Score: 92. \$25.



2011 Rutherford Sparkling Shiraz

The latest vintage of Rutherford Sparkling Shiraz was released prior to Christmas and has proved as popular as ever with record December sales.

The 2011 was a particularly cool vintage accentuating the spicy peppery flavours.

Make sure you have some on hand for the National Sparkling Red day on 18th June. \$35.



2012 St Ethels Shiraz

Wine Genius Mar 2015: "This 2012 St. Ethel's Shiraz is magnificent. This tightly wound gem will assuredly unpack its array of complexity with time. Both the bouquet and palate display considerable concentration of mulberry, cassis and violets; fine but gripping oak and excellent balance will ensure it stands the test of time.



EVENTS

Seriously Shiraz

The fourth 'Seriously Shiraz' wine tasting event was held recently at Ballarat's historic Mining Exchange. It is one of the lead-up events to the Grampians Grape Escape Festival held each year during the first weekend in May.



This year the Grampians wineries were joined by many from the Pyrenees making it 20 wineries in all offering tastings of 3 of their best wines. Food and music complimented a fantastic evening. Sarah and Polly with the 2009 Streeton Reserve Shiraz in hand:



Grampians Estate's wines were enthusiastically received, in addition to the 2009 Streeton, it showed the ever popular 2011 Rutherford Sparkling Shiraz and the Winestate 5 star 2013 Grenache.



Rural Councils Victoria

Fellow Grampians Produce members Deirdre Baum (Laharum Grove Olives), Meg Blake (Bellellen Grampians Organics) and Shelley Green (Green Eggs) joined Tom on a RCV Summit panel alongside Matt Evans of Gourmet Farmer fame in Halls Gap recently. We could do with more Matt Evans's!



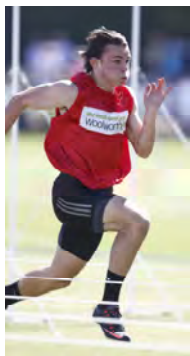


The 2015 Stawell Gift has been run and won. For the first time in its 134 year history, female runners competed for the same prize-money as the men with the winners of both 120m events taking home \$40,000 each.

The winners of the women's and men's Gift were Grace O'Dwyer and Murray Goodwin.



Grace O'Dwyer, aged just 15 is a Year 10 student at Ballarat Grammar. She lost her semi-final but she got a run in the final as the fastest loser with a margin of 0.01 seconds. Grace certainly got it together in the final, ensuring she will be a short priced favourite in her school's Year 10 100m sprint race.



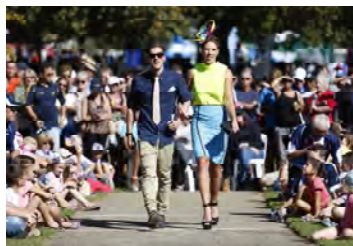
The men's event drew another high quality field including the 16 year old sprint sensation from Tasmania Jack Hale. He just failed to make the final, which was won by Murray Goodwin from Queensland.

Murray received a magnum of Kellys Welcome to help celebrate his win.



Stawell Gift Fashions on the Field

Some 45 women and 5 men competed for various prizes on a sunny Saturday afternoon at the Stawell Gift.



Grampians Estate's sponsorship includes a sparkling wine bar at the Fashions on the Field, the winners all receiving a bottle of Kellys Welcome.



N.B. All the Stawell Gift photos are attributed to Luke Hemer

Other News

The Grampians Estate web-site has been revamped/upgraded/modified by the team at Reveler. It looks fantastic and it's easier to use. Check it out. www.grampiansestate.com.au.

Polly in front of her 'Top Designs' gown being shown at the Melb Museum until 12th July. The exhibition celebrates some of the top art projects from 2014 Yr 12 VCE students.



Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine's recent awards of **Best Small Cellar Door** and **Cellar Door with Best Food** in the Grampians Region is a big tick for the GE cellar door team—congratulations to Suellen, Doug, Jane, Goldie, Anna, Mich and Sarah.

2015 Vintage

The 2015 vintage is all over. Another below average year for yield but some great quality in the red wines.

The first reds were picked on the 28th February, the earliest ever. Sadly Great Western was hit by frost reducing its yields to about 20%. Fortunately some shiraz from other local vineyards was able to make up the shortfall.

Pictured is one of the latest high tech grape harvesters unloading shiraz grapes picked from the Arrawatta Vineyard destined for Grampians Estate. This machine processes the fruit in the machine prior to unloading. The grapes are destemmed and crushed, thus saving a time-consuming operation back at the winery before adding the yeast for fermentation.



The shiraz grapes were once again picked by the Moyston Willaura Football Netball Club. In 2014 it won its first football premierships as a combine, it's first for the Willaura part since 1975! The premierships flag was unveiled at the Round 1 game at Willaura in early April.



Upcoming Events

- Grampians Grape Escape
May 2nd and 3rd, Halls Gap Oval.
- Flavour Exchange, Fed Sq, Melbourne.
4.30-9pm, 18th & 19th June, 2015.
- Sheepvention, Hamilton Showgrounds
8—5pm, 3rd & 4th August, 2015.
- Flavour Exchange, Fed Sq, Melbourne.
4.30-9pm, 3rd & 4th Sep, 2015.
- Flavour Exchange, Fed Sq, Melbourne.
4.30-9pm, 3rd & 4th Dec, 2015.



James Halliday ★★★★★ Winery

SPECIAL OFFER

Join our new Streeton Club
and receive a **FREE bottle of
2008 Streeton Reserve**

The best way to enjoy Grampians Estate's premium wines is to join the Streeton Club.

The Streeton Club provides discounted premium Grampians Estate wines to its most loyal customers. Commit to 2 or 4 dozen wines per year and Grampians Estate will throw in a FREE bottle of 2008 Streeton Reserve Shiraz (RRP \$65).

The Longest Drive by Tom Guthrie

This is the story of the author's great-grandfather and his wife Mary and other brave and adventurous pioneers who opened up much of outback Australia for agriculture and settlement, thus forging a sheep industry which became the backbone of the Australian economy for much of the country's history. The book encompasses the Guthrie family's adventure which began in Tasmania and Victoria then pushed into the harsh environment of the Northern Territory, in the process recording the longest sheep drive in Australian history.

Featured on Jon Faine's Conversation Hour with Tom Keneally in December 2014.



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Email: _____ Ph: _____

Credit Card: _____ Expiry: ____/____

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Price: \$75 per book. Postage and Handling \$15 for one book, \$20 for 2 or more books.

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