

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Grampians Grape Escape 5 – 6 MAY 2018
- Red Series JULY 2018

## AWARDS

- Gourmet Traveller Wine: Australia's Best Cellar Door Awards 2017 – Best Additional Experience (Grampians/Henty)

## WHERE WE ARE

- Grampians Estate Cellar Door  
1477 Western Highway  
Great Western Victoria 3377

## OPENING TIMES

10-5pm Every day (excluding Christmas)

## 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."*

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Of course size matters, but no one wants a small glass of wine"*



## CHAMPION SMALL WINERY OF SHOW

In October 2017, Grampians Estate was awarded 'Champion Small Winery of Show' at the Australian Small Winemakers Show after collecting 4 Gold, 3 Silver and a Bronze from 9 entries.

Held in Stanthorpe Queensland, the wine show is held for wineries who produce

less than 500 tonnes (G.E. processed 35t this year), at this show 230 wineries participated.

The Gold Medal wines were the 2016 Streeton Reserve Shiraz, 2014 Rutherford Sparkling Shiraz, 2015 Grampians GST and the 2014 Barrel Block Shiraz.

## '15 STREETON & '14 SPARKLING WIN TOP AWARDS

Single vineyard shiraz from the Mafeking Vineyard, French oak, this vintage is a cracker four gold medals and a trophy is proof of that.

Toni Paterson, The Real Review, 20/2/2017: "This wine displays beautiful fruit flavours and aromas, characteristic of Grampians region. The nose is concentrated and vibrant with red cherry aromas and a little attractive meatiness.

The palate has lovely elegance and poise, with dark cherry flavours and bright acidity.

The tannins are soft and nicely knitted into the wine. Very youthful and lively now - needs some time in bottle to soften and mellow."

The 2014 Rutherford Sparkling Shiraz is also a dual Gold medal winner.

An excellent vintage, lots of flavour, colour, elegance and drinking pleasure! An absolute must to have in the fridge at any time of year. This

vintage pays tribute to our son Ford.

Drinks Magazine, November 2017: "Youthful, but offering a lot to those who like the style. Aromas of deep spices and dark fruits. A rich and tarry plate with depth and multi-dimensions. Judges Choice."

### 2015 STREETON RESERVE SHIRAZ



Shiraz Trophy – 2017 RASQ

Gold – 2017 Cowra Wine Show

Gold – 2017 Royal Wine Show Queensland

Gold – 2017 Royal Agricultural Society Queensland

Gold – 2017 Great Australian Shiraz Challenge

### 2014 RUTHERFORD SPARKLING SHIRAZ

Blue-Gold - 2018 Sydney International Wine Competition

Gold - 2017 Australian Small Winemakers Show

Silver - 2017 Australian Sparkling Wine Show

Silver - 2017 Ballarat Wine Show



# EVENTS

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



ROHAN PREPARING THE OYSTERS

## Seriously Shiraz

The 5th Seriously Shiraz Festival was held in the Grampians over the Melbourne Cup long weekend with a variety of wine, food and music events held at Grampians Region wineries over the long weekend.

Grampians Estate hosted on a 5 course degustation lunch, a Sparkling Shiraz masterclass and 3 Streeton masterclasses over the 4 days.

The headline event was undoubtedly the 5 course degustation lunch prepared by Rohan and Marlene from Steel Cutters Cottage in Great Western.

Tom's tummy was terribly full by the end, but nevertheless very happy. Each course was paired with a selection of Grampians Estate Wine. The first course featured Oysters Two ways, eaten very quickly! Chilled cucumber and ginger soup with cured tuna followed promptly and was delicious. The next dish was terrine of smoked salmon

mousse. Stunning! Perhaps a favourite of Sarah's was the smoked eye fillet with mediterranean vegetables & goats cheese. Tom's full tummy had to devour one more course; a chocolate plate, featuring chocolate parfait, mousse and a chocolate macaroon, the ganache filling was infused with a sparkling shiraz syrup, pairing perfectly with the Rutherford Sparkling Shiraz (2013).

The sparkling shiraz masterclass was once again popular as participants tasted some older award winning vintages whilst the older Streeton Reserve Shiraz vintages dating back to 2001 were a standout and showed just how well these wines age.



TOM, ROHAN & MARLENE



CHOCOLATE PLATE



STEEL CUTTERS' DEGUSTATION

## GRAMPIANS GRAPE ESCAPE

The 26th Grampians Grape Escape Wine and Food Festival was another hugely successful two day festival with record crowds, good weather and a wonderful atmosphere.

This wine and food festival is the best in Country Victoria and it is the longest running to boot. The Celebrity Chef was Adam Liaw, the very popular television chef, who is also a lawyer! He was the winner of the second series of MasterChef Australia.



SARAH & STAWELL FASHIONS WINNERS

## STAWELL EASTER GIFT

Grampians Estate continued its partnership with the Stawell Gift as a major sponsor for the eighth year running. The 2017 Grampians Estate Fashions on the Field once again gave ladies the opportunity to showcase their latest autumn carnival looks at Central Park on Easter Saturday.

In the Women's Gift Final, Liv Ryan won the \$40,000 cheque, making it the best part-time job she's ever had. The Men's Gift was won by Matthew Rizzo. Hopefully he can stray from his healthy sportman's diet to indulge in his Kellys Welcome Cuvee Magnum.



TOM & MARK SUMMERFIELD

## RED SERIES, BALLARAT

Formally Seriously Shiraz', the event has been rebranded Red Series to highlight the variety of red wines now emanating from the Pyrenees and Grampians Wine Regions.

Shiraz and Cabernet are the traditional flag-bearers, but the region also produces, Pinot, Grenache, Tempranillo, Sangiovese, Nebbiolo and more.

Held at the Mining Exchange in Ballarat in July as part of Ballarat's Winterlude Festival, it has become a very successful event.

# WINE NEWS

NEW RELEASES & LATEST REVIEWS

## Western Victorian Wine Challenge victory for the Grampians

The Grampians Region retained the Shield for Most Successful Region after the awards night at Mitchell Harris Wine Bar recently. The competition is between Pyrenees, Grampians, Ballarat and Henty wine regions and is a wine show where one set of awards are given by experienced judges and the other by a panel of consumers. It was a big night for Grampians Estate, winning the inaugural 'Most Successful Exhibitor' Shield which measures the scores of a wineries best 5 wines. The 2016 Grampians GST won 2 trophies, but the highlight was that all 3 shiraz's in the Museum Class (over 10 years old) were Gold, showing how well they had aged. If you have some in the cellar, drink them! They were the 2001 Mafeking, the 2005 Mafeking and the 2006 St Ethels Shiraz. The 2005 won the Trophy.



TOM & AWARD WINNING GRAMPIANS WINERIES



### 2009 KELLY'S WELCOME BLANC DE BLANC

**Silver Medal – 2017 Sparkling Wine Show**

A 2009 vintage, it spent eight years on lees, giving it a yeasty nose and a delicious creamy yeasty palate. It was made from 100% Mafeking Vineyard Chardonnay.

**RRP \$35**



### 2016 MAFEKING SHIRAZ

2016 provided a more full-bodied style thanks to a hot summer and earlier than usual finish. Dark, brooding, nuances of black olives, chocolate, great concentration and well balanced, this wine is ready now.

**RRP \$25**



### 2015 GRAMPIANS GRENACHE

**The Real Review, Toni Paterson, Sept 2017**

*"Don't let the pale colour deceive you. This is a vibrant red, light in colour and body, but packed with flavour. Wildly aromatic nose of cherries and strawberries. Succulent berry flavours on the palate, plus a hint of Turkish Delight, along with soft tannin. Easy to drink and enjoy. Enjoy it in its youth. 89/100"*

**Trophy – 2017 Cowra Wine Show, RRP \$25**



### 2016 MAFEKING GOLD CHARDONNAY

This single vineyard chardonnay has flavours of melon, peach and tropical nuances. A concentrated palate with excellent acidity, touches of minerality and good length.

**RRP \$25**



### GARDEN GULLY 2013 MAL'S BLOCK 8 SHIRAZ

**Wine Genius November 2016**

*"Deep and brooding garnet in colour, this single vineyard Shiraz is generous, intense and alluring. Dark plums, cassis and mocha oak are all in-play. Gripping tannins are balanced with serious mid-palate dark fruits and flora notes. Needs a little more time to be at its best, but if you can't wait, your still going to enjoy this well made wine. Drinking Range: 2016-2022."*

**Score: 94, RRP \$35**

**Special 1/2 doz. \$150**



### 2015 GRAMPIANS GST (GRENACHE SHIRAZ TEMPRANILLO)

**Winestate Sept 2016**

*"Deep, rich, purple in colour with ripe, red raspberries on the nose and some pleasant musky notes. Bright flavours of raspberries and cherries with some earthy undertones on a well-structured palate, good length."*

**3 trophies incl. Cowra Wine Show, RRP \$28**



### 2014 GARDEN GULLY VINEYARD OLD VINES RIESLING

Made from the oldest Riesling Vineyard in Victoria thought to be around 100 years old, this wine exhibits lime and lemon on the nose and the palate, making it an ideal accompaniment to seafood and white meats.

**RRP \$22**



### 2013 ST ETHEL'S SHIRAZ

**Wine Genius, Sept 2016**

*"Spiced dark fruits, black cherry and mocha oak are present from front to back. Good acidity and length across the palate. 2015-19."*

**Score: 91, RRP \$50**



### 2016 GRAMPIANS TEMPRANILLO

The principal variety in Spain and Portugal, this wine is gaining popularity in Australia as an easy drinking, food-friendly style.

**Drinks Magazine, May-June 2017**

*"An excellent example of this varietal; it is bright juicy and full-bodied with density and savoury tannin." RRP \$25*

# MORE NEWS

FROM GRAMPIANS ESTATE



## 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. Visit our website [grampiansestate.com.au](http://grampiansestate.com.au) for more information.



STEEL CUTTERS' DEGUSTATION LUNCH



TOM & SARAH GUTHRIE IN THE VINEYARD



VIC WINE SHOW TROPHIES



SERRA TERROR IN THE GRAMPIANS



DAMAGED VINES AT GREAT WESTERN

## JACK FROST

On a sad note, a massive frost on Derby Day (Sat 4 Nov) wiped out vineyards and cereal crops in the general Great Western, Ararat, Tatyoon, and Skipton region costing millions of dollars in lost production.

Grampians Estate's Garden Gully Vineyard hit  $-3.1$  degrees, wiping out the entire crop. Bests and Seppelts nearby were also severely impacted.

The magnitude of this event will impact the following year's crop. Given our shiraz vines were planted in 1883, it is hoped their toughness will pull them through. On a positive note, our Mafeking Vineyard was untouched on the hill.



James Halliday ★★★★★ Winery

## SPECIAL OFFER

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

## Join our Streeton Club!

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 Streeton Reserve Shiraz (RRP \$75).