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New Cellar Door Manager

You will see a new face when you come to the Cellar Door. We welcome Hannah Stace as our new Cellar Door Manager. Hannah comes from a winemaking background and has joined the Gartelmann team so please look out for her when you next visit. She will take you through the wines and give you the finer details of how the wines are made. Welcome Hannah.



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The Jorg & Jan Report

First and foremost we are delighted to share with you the news of our new release wines:

2017 Benjamin Semillon: we normally release our semillon in May or June of the vintage year but felt that the 2017 Benjamin needed more time in the bottle. We opted to hold it back until reassessment indicated that it was prepared for imminent fame and with a Cowra Gold medal already in the bag, it's proving to have been worth the wait!

2015 Joey Merlot: although not yet as highly awarded as the 2014 Joey, the 2015 certainly has more of the "wow" factor. A winemaking friend who contributes to our tasting notes has said this about it:

"This wine has won accolades even before being released. If you have to throw your mother-in-law out of the spare room to build a wine cellar, do it. Put some of this down for 5-10 years and then drink it all yourself!"

2015 Rylstone Petit Verdot: after a disappointing crop loss in 2014 we are back with this roaring beauty which has just been awarded 4.5 stars by Winestate magazine. The flavoursome 2015 Petit Verdot is the biggest and best we have ever made. Keep an eye out for a new name in the family line up too: from 2016 this wine will be named "Georg", after Jorg's maternal grandfather.

Wishing all our loyal members, friends and wine lovers a safe and happy holiday period. Looking forward to a bright 2018! – Jan & Jorg



Gartelmann Events Report:

It has been a busy year with plenty going on here and lots of events throughout the year. Here is a snapshot of some of the things we worked on this year -

Lovedale Long Lunch, held on the third weekend in May annually, 2017 was another successful event. We would love to see more Members and friends come along to the event and if you enjoy a quieter day then the Sunday is for you.

November was a busy month for our members' events with the annual Sydney Wine lunch held at **La Grillade in Sydney**. This sellout Sunday lunch proved why it is a "must do" on our members' calendar.

The much anticipated **2017 Barrel Tasting** event did not disappoint. It was a great opportunity for Members and guests to see some of the future stars of the Gartelmann range.



The story of the Maggie!

You may remember from our last newsletter that the big G that was on some of our bottles recently, has been put to bed. But you may not have noticed the large magpie on the front of the building. It was put up 20 years ago by a local artist, Chris Fussell, who also did the original painting sketch of our label. However, the magpie on the building needs a closer look as Chris is a little bit of a magpie himself! He collects things and then uses them in his art. Next time you are passing, check out the eye of the magpie. It is an old runway light, the feathers are from an old caravan, the wing is part of an old aircraft as it the beak. I am sure you will pick out the horseshoes without any trouble. Do feel free to take a photo or two in front of it. Maggie loves it!



Sue has retired......8

After ten years of tireless effort and loyalty to Gartelmann Wines Sue has decided to take on another role, that of being a Grandmother.

We wish Sue all the best in the future and thank her for her hard work and friendship over the years.

The reigns of Club Member Manager have been taken over by Fiona Hinton-Rodgers, who many of you will already know and will be speaking to in the not too distant future. Good luck Fiona.



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