



Hello,

Welcome to our October 2012 newsletter. We have lots of news from a long winter and the start of Spring. Some accolades for our wine and the café, new releases and our regular updates from Arthur and Ruby, and also Rozie who didn't want to be left out. Note our opening dates for Christmas and also a special offer for internet purchases. We hope you enjoy the read...

## Winter becomes spring!

Yes the long cold Winter has finally subsided and Spring has definitely arrived. We're seeing lots more smiles on faces and of course, budburst signaling the start of activity again amongst the vines.



That's not to say we haven't been busy. Our annual LJ Dinner was very well received as usual. A superb 9 course menu by Kate, matched to equally brilliant wines made for a very enjoyable and somewhat longish evening.

Mandy has been out and about taking Jones' wines to dinners in Melbourne and Gippsland before heading off for a well earned break in New York! In fact the jet lag may still be affecting this newsletter....

We were chuffed to be named 3rd best cellar door in Australia by Gourmet Traveller Wine readers. A pretty good effort we thought for our little old, but obviously much loved home in Rutherglen.

## Online offer

Our website [www.joneswinery.com](http://www.joneswinery.com) is fully in swing now and we are offering a special deal on purchases through the website for a short time only. Use the codeword 'Octoffer' to receive \$15 off any purchase up to 24 bottles, effectively making it freight free! This offer is available until Friday 9th November. Take a look at our new gift packs, it's getting near to Christmas present time....

## New Releases

Our 2011 Jones Winery and Vineyard Marsanne was released earlier this month. A beautifully balanced wine with aromas of honeysuckle and spicy fruit characters. The 2011 is every bit as good as 2010 which was very popular, converting many newcomers to this versatile variety.

You should have received news of the release of our 1st vintage of Malbec earlier in the year. The feedback so far has been very favourable including a positive review by Nick Stock of Gourmet Traveller Wine. We are also eagerly awaiting the results of a recent Winestate magazine tasting so fingers crossed for more accolades for our Malbec.

In other wine news, we have ordered more of the Chateau Carsin and Arlaux wines from France. Again, these have been very popular and we're hoping the champagne in particular arrives in time for the Spring racing and festive seasons.

## News from Jones Café

We are very proud to announce that Jones Café made it into The Age Good Food Guide for the first time. A big congratulations to Kate and the team, a fitting reward for lots of hard work and creativity.



There's also a couple of new innovations at the café that are quite exciting. We have finally got around to furnishing our outdoor area and many diners have already enjoyed relaxed lunches alfresco style.



We have also introduced our new express lunch menu. If you want your lunch in a hurry but still want great quality, this is ideal for you. Available Thursdays and Fridays.

Don't forget you can book online at [www.joneswinery.com](http://www.joneswinery.com). Or call us on 02 6032 8496.



## Ask Arthur

It's your regular opportunity to ask a question of Arthur....

**Question:** What do we need in a new tractor? Mandy thinks a pink one might look good in the vineyard...



**Answer:** Yes, the old tractor finally gave up the ghost after many years of faithful service. And no, there will be no pink tractor gracing our vineyard as long as I am around.

Well we have done lots of research about the latest and greatest, with all the options and there are some truly amazing products out there. Can you believe you can get a tractor with just about anything these days—even leather seats!

Back to reality and what the bank manager said about a more conservative approach to our agricultural equipment requirements. We have just taken delivery of Deutz-Fahr 85 horsepower tractor—the “green machine” as Mandy calls it.

Now down to work in a bit more comfort than in the past—air conditioning, radio and all gears working!

## Update from Ruby and Rozie

**How much of this have we got to do....**

Well we're exhausted! We don't want to be seen to complain but life is pretty busy when you're a dog.

It's all the socializing, every day we have to greet people at the door, newcomers and even the ones who have been here before. Then we have to stand around and wag our tails while they pat us and play with us.

I suppose it could be worse Rozie, I'm a bit sick of those rotten magpies trying to take our bones all the time. I wouldn't mind making bones out of them. And that little black cat taunting us all the time, I don't get cats.

Maybe we're just getting grumpy because we haven't been going for our morning walks in the vineyard lately. Arthur hasn't mowed yet and Mandy's not keen on meeting any snakes out there.

We might go and find a sunny spot to have a sit down, I reckon you're right Ruby, it could be worse....



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

#### Cellar door

Up to and including 31st Dec  
Thurs, Fri & Mon 10am—4pm. Sat & Sun 10am—5pm.

From 2nd Jan to 14th Jan inclusive  
Mon—Fri 10am—4pm  
Sat & Sun 10am—5pm

*Jones Café* will continue to open normal hours throughout this period from Thurs to Sun for lunch and coffee and cake from 11am.

Note that we will not be open Christmas day, Boxing day or New Years day.



### Tastes of Rutherglen 9th/10th & 16th/17th March

Be part of regional Victoria's favourite food and wine festival. There will be lots happening at cellar door as usual as well as a couple of signature dishes from the café to taste during the day. Jones café is the place to be at night as well, we will have a special Tastes of Rutherglen a la carte menu available for dinner on the 9th, 10th and 16th.

**Please call 02 6032 8496 to book for any of the above events.**

**Check out our website or Facebook page for all upcoming events and latest news.**

With our very best wishes,

*Arthur and Mandy*