



“Heard it through the Grapevine”

Seasonal Update by Rob Gibson



The growing season was generally quite mild with a small severe heat-wave occurring in February. The subsoil moistures were low by midseason and yields in dry grown vineyards were severely impacted being approximately 60% of average at harvest.

Varieties which stood out from a quality viewpoint were Shiraz and Grenache with some really fine expressions of character not seen for many years and resulting blenders are very stylish and not at all like 2008. Overall, it was a winemakers vintage where we could really finesse the wines...we will see more "class" in 2009 than many recent vintages!

Volumes are down so supply of special genuinely premium wine will be short as usual.

Loose end commenced its first vintage of grape crushing and fermentation in vats

Tempranillo, Sagrantino and Zinfandel were all processed there this year.

Happy drinking!

Cheers Rob

Below: Ebony & Chris picking Petit Verdot



The "Isabelle Vineyard" - Feb

Gibson Review—We want to hear from you!!!!

So you always hear Rob and the team tell YOU about Gibson wines, well we want to change that and hear YOUR side of the story.

So crack open a bottle of your favourite Gibson wine and start writing.

Whether you make it a review, a story about the perfect food match or just that special moment when you realized how much you loved the wine....

The winner will have their story featured in our next newsletter

plus we will send you 3 bottles of our NEW release Gibson Reserve Shiraz 2006.

Email your reply to Margie@gibsonwines.com.au before the end of August

Best of luck!!

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- *New Releases*
- *Gibson 2009 House Wine deal*
- *Wine Adventures*
- *Up coming Events*
- *Gibson Wine Parties*
- *A Few changes*

New Releases

2009 Gibson Eden Valley

Riesling

A mild start gave good early growth and leaf area. A mild November enabled good set and flavour potential. There was a heat wave in early February. This Riesling ripened slowly and was picked at it's peak after some defoliation.



Brilliant pale straw with green tints. An estery aroma of passion fruit and honeysuckle. Lovely powdery texture and lime/citrus flavours with harmonious fresh acidity and lingering green apples and mineral flavours

\$18/bottle—Available now at the Cellar Door or by Mail Order

2009 Gibson Adelaide Hills

Pinot Gris

This is the second Vintage for this rich Alsace style of Pinot Gris. A mild 2009 season brought this fruit to a perfect maturity. The fruits being sourced from a very special vineyard in the Adelaide Hills that Rob set up and designed.



Typical Gris colours being slightly pale with grey pink . Many complex aromas showing honeysuckle blossom & cut hay. The palate is full & round with a nuttiness which lingers as butterscotch. A great harmony with many foods.

\$18/bottle—Available now at the Cellar Door or by Mail Order

2006 Gibson Reserve

Shiraz

A mild dry Barossa season, cool in November and December. January was fine and warm with heat spikes in February. Yields were very low and styles were fine and deep. Matured in predominately French oak for approx 22 months.



Deep opaque red. Lifted mocha, pepper, spice, vanilla, orange peel and anise on the nose. A powerful, complex palate with chewy fine tannins. It shows generous sweet fruit balance with perfect acidity & chocolate dry tannins.

\$39/bottle—Available now at the Cellar Door or by Mail Order

2008 Gibson Botrytis

Semillon

Made from Old Semillon vines planted 30 years ago this second vintage Botrytis Semillon is perfectly bright yellow gold in colour, complex aromas of pineapple and dusty grain that flows onto a lively palate full of luscious dried fruit with great length and a clean finish



\$20 bottle

Available now at the Cellar Door or by Mail Order

2006 Gibson Dirtman Shiraz

After selling out of the 2005 we are happy to announce the release our 2006 Dirtman Shiraz.

Rob says “ Truly sensational wine....”

Deep red with a purple hue and complex sweet spiced Shiraz characters. The nose shows interesting notes of bacon fat and anise. The palate is powerful, round & juicy and shows all the hallmarks of good Shiraz treated with oak maturation. Rob has produced a great wine with good ageing potential. It shows ample aroma, fruit balance with perfect acidity and fine dry tannins. The balance and finish is harmonious with complex spice and stone fruit and a long lasting finish



We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

\$24.50 bottle

Available now at the Cellar Door or by Mail Order

Wine Adventures

Thought it was time to thank all our Gibson supporters who have come on board to the Gibson Wine Adventures. We hope you have enjoyed your first pack and received your Gibson Wine Adventures Card . As you know this is still very new to us so we appreciate any feedback from you. The next pack is due out late July so keep an eye out for it . Get excited as there are some great wines to be discovered!

For those who haven't joined up we are always welcoming new members. We have an application form on the back page and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Gourmet Weekend 22nd & 23rd August

Another great weekend to mark in your Diaries!!

We are putting on the works this year with fabulous food from Semaphore Pantry and once again groovy tunes by the Boys from Melbourne... COUSIN LEONARD

Saturday 11am—5pm

*Twice cooked lamb shoulder, warm bean salad & gremolata
Chocolate truffle cake & red wine berries*

Sunday 9am—11am Breakfast

*Truffled scrambled eggs on sweet potato foccacia & chicken,
mushroom & sage sausages*

11am—5pm

All day food and groovy tunes....

Wines

*Sparkling Merlot, 2006 Reserve Merlot &
The 2006 Dirtman Shiraz*



Gibson's heading Interstate

Now that Vintage is over and we finally have a moment to breath Rob and the team are jet setting around Oz participating in the Good Food and Wine shows.

We had great success in Melbourne over the June long weekend where we launched the new 2006 Reserve Shiraz. From all the feed back.....the Shiraz is a real winner!!.

Next stop was Sydney, Rob and Anne arrived on the 3rd and stayed until the 5th July. They were overwhelmed with all the visits from loyal Gibson supporters and greatly appreciated all the new interest. They caught up with some great friends and enjoyed the hospitality. Sydney siders loved the 2005 Isabelle and 2008 Botrytis Semillon.

The fun never stops with Adam and Rob heading over to the West for the Perth Good Food and Wine Show that is taking place at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre from the 31 July— 2 August. Rob's eager to hear from all of you in the West for any ideas on what we should do— host a dinner or perhaps hold a private tasting session—maybe you can help us organize an event?

After Perth in late August Rob heads over to the Sunshine coast for the Barossa Old Vine tasting. This is an amazing opportunity to try wines made from vines over 100 years old— a part of Australia's viticulture museum!! Call us for more information.

Brisbane Good Food and Wine is in November so Queenslanders should put in their ideas for a catch up then. Rob is bringing Kelly and Kim this time and they have a Wine Party business—bringing the Barossa to you....

If you would like to experience a real treat and keep the girls really busy, then give Kelly an email on..... Kelly@gibsonwines.com.au

It seems that already the year is over but not for the team at Gibson's . Rob will be gearing up for some dinners and a chat, watch this space to see where he'll end up next...

Upcoming Events

@ GIBSON'S

Barossa Gourmet Weekend

22nd & 23rd of August 2009

Sunday Funday

• *Sunday 19th of July, 2009*

• *Sunday 23rd of August 2009*

(Part of Barossa Gourmet weekend)

• *Sunday 25th of October 2009*

GIBSON WINE PARTIES—Let us bring the Barossa to you!

We are excited to let you know about our next new venture...the “GIBSON Wine Tasting Party”.

Kelly and Kim have come up with a great concept where they are offering to bring the GIBSON cellar door tasting experience to your home or place of choice. Whether it be an excuse to get friends together, a social event for work colleagues or a twist on your next dinner party, they would love to visit YOU and take you through our current range of wines.

Tasting of both GIBSON and LOOSE END wines are available and can be tailored to suit your party needs. All wines purchased will be delivered to your party location.

Its been a huge success in SA so the girls want to take it interstate!

It's a great evening so why don't you start the trend!

To find out more about hosting a
GIBSON Wine Tasting Party
CONTACT

Kelly on 0407 717 886

email kelly@gibsonwines.com.au

or Kim on 0438 840 774

email kimf@senet.com.au



Welcome aboard Margie..... Thanks and good luck Tim

We were sad to see Tim leave GIBSON Wines in March 09, but we are absolutely thrilled to welcome Margie to the GIBSON Crew. Margie comes to Gibson's from my mum (Isabelle's) side of the family....The Souter's. She has spent her time in the Trade as we call it, both catering in Melbourne and selling fine wine in London.



We asked her to come over for a visit and after a physical apprenticeship over vintage she has settled in nicely to her new position at cellar door. You will hear some more about her experiences next time you are in Cellar Door.

Thanks and good luck Tim..... I suspect life will be less strenuous at Macs!!

