

WE'RE RACING

As this newsletter goes to press, we have almost made it through the "frost season" without damage, and there are two races going on at the vineyard. One takes place every year, and is the race to keep up with the vineyard work as the vines set the pace. With wonderful rain in recent months, the vines have leapt out of the blocks. The other is the race to have our new winery completed in time to crush the 2006 vintage on site.

The commencement of winery building work is a huge source of excitement to us. Having our own winery facilities onsite will have many benefits. There will be no more transporting of grapes and wine between separate vineyard, winery and storage sites. The new insulated winery building will offer advantages in temperature control of both red and white fermentations.

Perhaps best of all, we will have a new "proper" cellar door facility to replace the little old shed that is currently serving us well. This will improve comfort and convenience, but we also plan to open several days a week instead of just Sundays. The cellar door will open onto the barrel cellar, so we're planning to keep some of the rustic feel. We're hoping for an opening in April or May.



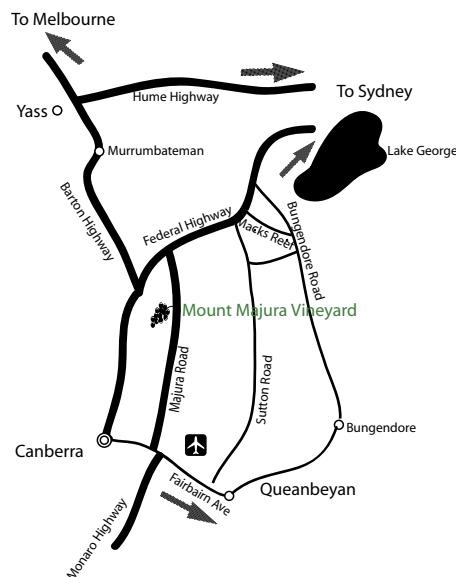
The view from the new barrel cellar and cellar door into the vineyard.

Meanwhile, we believe this newsletter offers our strongest collection of wines ever, with the new whites and rosé offering excellent summer drinking. Enjoy.

A UNIQUE SITE

Mount Majura Vineyard is a small, boutique winery in the Canberra District wine region, and the first vineyard in the ACT. Planted in 1988 on a site selected for its unique combination of soil, aspect and climate, the vineyard has been expanded under new ownership since 1999. With a track record for good Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Merlot (actually a Cabernet franc - Merlot bend) from the original vines, these varieties were included in the expansion, but trial plantings of "new" varieties were also made. It is the exciting search for the best possible combination of variety and site that drives our quality-focussed wine production, and we invite you to visit the vineyard and see for yourself.

CELLAR DOOR



Mount Majura Vineyard

RMB 314 Majura Road, Majura, ACT 2609

Open Sundays and long weekends 10am-5pm

(Closed Dec 25 and Jan 1: see inside for details)

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Journalists Ralph Kyte-Powell (left, The Age) and Tom Cannavan (right, wine-pages.com, UK) visited the vineyard following the Riesling Challenge and tasted wines with winemaker Frank van de Loo (centre).

Its a Riesling District

Some people have been saying it all along, but there is increasing recognition of Riesling, the “purist’s” white, as a leading variety of the Canberra District. This was the message from judges at two recent shows, the Canberra Regional Wine Show and the 6th Hyatt National Riesling Challenge. Our 2005 Riesling won Silver medals at both. We don’t enter many shows, but locally-held ones such as these are excellent means for us to gain feedback from the judges.

Gumboot Tours

At Mount Majura Vineyard, we have a great site for growing top quality grapes, which also happens to be wonderfully picturesque. Naturally we want to share this with you, and what better way to enjoy it than a leisurely stroll through the vines? Fortunately, we’re also in a region free of the grape pest phylloxera, but there is a risk of it being introduced, such as on the shoes of visitors. So we’re launching the Gumboot Tour.

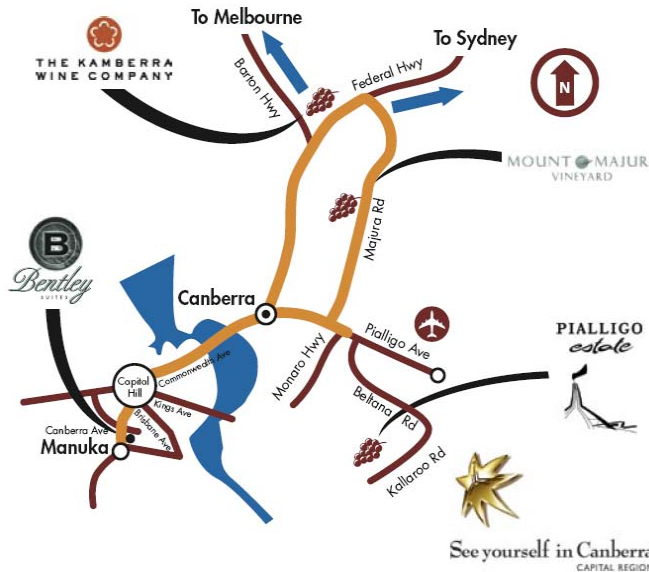


The Gumboot Tour is like a nature trail through the

vineyard. The tours are self guided and the whole family can enjoy the experience. We’ll provide you with some clean boots, a map and notes, and a marked route to follow through the vineyard, on an easy gradient. Stop at the top to take in the view, then come back down to the cellar door to taste our wines.

Urban Wine Trail

Interested in visiting Canberra? We’ve joined with two other wineries very close to Canberra to create the Urban Wine Trails package. For \$395, stay in a luxury self contained apartment at the Bentley Suites and pick up a passport to spend a fun day exploring Canberra’s urban wineries, receiving many benefits along the way.



The passport entitles you to:

- Wine to the value of \$25 from Mount Majura Vineyard,
 - Wine to the value of \$20 and tea/ coffee for two at Pialligo Estate,
 - A Bottle of Meeting Place Wine and ‘The essential wine tasting guide’ from The Kamberra Wine Company.
- Book online at domahotels.com.au or call Canberra Getaways on 1300 733 228.

Mount Majura Vineyard 2 Peaks Challenge

5 November

A uniquely challenging cross country running event over two of Canberra’s best known mountains, Mt Majura and Mt Ainslie. There are 26 and 15 km options. The competition will begin and end at the vineyard. See our website for entry details.

Gundaroo Spring Festival

5-6 November 10am-4.30pm

As part of the Open Garden Scheme, Gundaroo gardens will be open all weekend. A variety of activities, fine food and wine stalls will be open on the Sunday, centered around Cork St, Gundaroo’s historic main street.

Wine, Roses & All That Jazz

11-13 November

The annual “Days of Wine & Roses” Festival of Canberra District Wineries this year kicks off with a showcase in the centre of Canberra, in conjunction with the Canberra Jazz Festival. Come to City Walk between 7 and 9 pm on Friday 11 November for the best of local wine, regional food, and some great jazz.

Events will be on at wineries throughout the region over the weekend, with more details at canberrawines.com.au. At Mount Majura Vineyard we will be open both days and celebrating with the launch of the Gumboot Tour!

Christmas & New Year Cellar Door Hours

Our cellar door will be closed on Christmas day but will be open on the 26th and 27th of December. The cellar door will also be closed on New Years day but will be open on Monday the 2nd of January. Please come and see us if you are travelling.

ON OFFER FROM MOUNT MAJURA

With Christmas and New Year upon us, there is no better time to stock up on gifts and supplies for when friends and relatives arrive. Our latest releases are outlined below and can be purchased by phone or mail order and at the cellar door.

2005 Riesling (screwcap) \$16

The 2005 Riesling is quickly getting a name for itself, picking up Silver medals at both the National Riesling Challenge and the Canberra Regional Wine Show.

"Even against the benchmark Grosset wine it made a strong showing, suggesting the variety works well in Canberra, but it takes the sort of attention to detail that Frank van de Loo gives to deliver the goods. The wine shows attractive floral and citrus aromas and a very delicate, fine palate built on lemony citrus flavours with hints of mineral and musk. It's very fresh and delicious now but should mature and change in pleasing ways for many years if properly cellared." (Chris Shanahan, Canberra Sunday Times, September 25 2005).

NEW RELEASE

2005 Pinot Gris (screwcap) \$16

All the big juicy character known to lovers of our Pinot Gris, but in a new more gentle package. Lots of musky pear juice on the nose with some hints of ginger and spice; these flavours rush across the palate and linger. The wine is rich, soft and generous, definitely in the Gris style, with a lovely creamy palate deriving from brief aging on yeast lees.

2003 Chardonnay (screwcap) \$20

"From a mature vineyard in the cool Canberra District, this is an impressively tight, fine and chalky-textured chardonnay that has the capacity to age well in the cellar. It starts out with some wheatmealy, tangy citrus flavours, is compact and intense in the mouth, and finishes with a bracing mineral dryness" (Max Allen, The Weekend Australian Magazine, July 2005)

NEW RELEASE

2005 Rosé (screwcap) \$16

With lots of interest lately in this style and our plentiful supply of good Pinot Noir grapes, we set out to make a fresh, lively and crisp Rosé, rather than the *saignée* style where grapes are harvested fully ripe to suit red winemaking.

Lots of strawberries and cream on the nose, red berry flavour and a round soft front palate, but finishes clean and dry. Perfect summer drinking, serve chilled.

2003 Woolshed Creek White (screwcap) \$12

This blend of Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling continues to surprise. For those looking for a good value quaffing white, this is it. **Christmas special \$99/case - save \$45!**

2002 Pinot Noir \$20

A marvelous vintage has given this Pinot plenty of plummy, black cherry fruit with hints of sweet spice, jasmine and forest floor sappiness. Characteristically fine, even tannins support a long and supple palate.

2002 Dinny's Block \$17

A new name for an old favourite, the Cabernet franc - Merlot blend which comes from our original block, planted by Dinny Killen.

The mild 2002 season has highlighted the red berry characters of Cabernet franc, and extended maceration on skins resulted in a silky style. As we like to say, *fragrant, juicy and fine-boned*.

2002 Merlot \$15

Dark berry fruits mingle with chocolate, spice and savoury characters in our first release of varietal Merlot. Over the time that this wine has been available, we have seen it start to knit together. Still a youthful blackish red, the palate is integrating and developing some lovely chewiness.

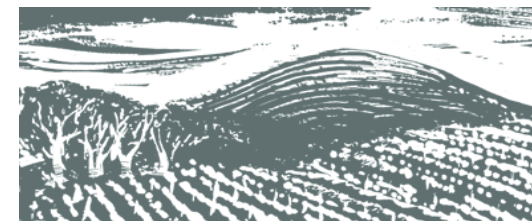
This wine gained the **Recommended** rating from Winewise (June 2004):

"The 2002 Mount Majura leans in the minty direction, but displays finesse in the tannin handling and has good fruit weight".

2003 Shiraz (screwcap) \$25

Shiraz is becoming the leading variety of the Canberra District, and our confidence in its future at Mount Majura has grown so much that we are expanding our plantings.

"Reflecting the warm vintage, the flavour is ripe and generous, with its juicy mid palate and soft tannins it could only be shiraz. At this stage it's travelled only part of the journey from fruit to wine and needs a few more years in the bottle for the primary fruit flavours to evolve and integrate with the oak and tannins. It'll be worth the wait." (Chris Shanahan, Canberra Sunday Times, May 22 2005).



MOUNT MAJURA VINEYARD

WINE	PRICE	NO.	TOT.
2003 Woolshed Creek White <i>Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Riesling blend</i>	\$12.00		
2003 Woolshed Creek White <i>Case special until 31 January</i>	\$99.00		
2005 Riesling <i>Citrus aromas, purity and length</i>	<i>sold out</i>		
NEW RELEASE 2005 Pinot Gris <i>Like biting into a big juicy pear</i>	\$16.00		
2003 Chardonnay <i>Tight, complex and grapefruity</i>	\$20.00		
NEW RELEASE 2005 Rosé <i>Strawberries and cream</i>	\$16.00		
2002 Pinot Noir <i>Juicy cherries and spices</i>	\$20.00		
2002 Dinnys Block <i>Fragrant, juicy and fine-boned</i>	\$17.00		
2002 Merlot <i>Dark berries, chocolate and spice</i>	\$15.00		
2003 Shiraz <i>Red berries, violets and licorice</i>	\$25.00		
MIXED CASES: see centre for description			
Mixed Case of Whites	\$192.00		
Mixed Case of Reds	\$231.00		
Mixed Case	\$208.00		
TAX INVOICE, ABN 51 084 171 139 Prices include GST Minimum order 6 bottles please.		Wine Total	
Mount Majura Wines (ACT) Pty Ltd ACN 084 171 139		Freight	
		Total	

MIXED CASES
Mixed Case of Whites - 4 each of: 2005 Pinot Gris 2003 Chardonnay 2003 Woolshed Creek White
Mixed Case of Reds- 3 each of: 2002 Pinot Noir 2002 Dinnys Block 2002 Merlot 2003 Shiraz
Mixed Case - 2 each of: 2005 Pinot Gris 2003 Chardonnay 2005 Rosé 2002 Pinot Noir 2002 Dinnys Block 2002 Merlot

FREIGHT		
TO:	6 bottles	12 bottles
ACT, NSW, VIC, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Adelaide	free!	free!
QLD Country	free!	\$5.00
SA Country	free!	\$4.00
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NT	\$6.00	\$17.00
Tasmania	\$2.00	\$9.00

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