

Merry Christmas

All of us at Mistletoe would like to say thank you to you, our loyal customers and friends.

Yes, over the years many of our customers have become friends and we really appreciate your continuing support.

We sincerely wish you, your families and loved ones all the very best for a happy, safe and wonderful Christmas and Festive Season followed by a prosperous and healthy 2018.

Our warmest regards, **Ken, Gwen, Rob, Cassandra (aka Golden Child), Jessica and Natane.**



Season's Greetings from Mistletoe in the Hunter Valley

THE VINEYARD

Spring has sprung and we have just had our first decent rain in nearly 5 months. Winter 2017 is the first time we have had to buy water since early 2007.

Despite the dry, the vineyard is in full song, and, looking absolutely magnificent, with just 5 weeks since budburst.

The weather has been variable to say the least. A couple of warmer days and then the temperatures dive again, especially of a night. In very recent days, since we started on the newsletter, we have received an additional 50mm of very welcome rain. The whole Valley has been transformed and is now looking lush and green.

In the nearly 30 years we have lived here, it is our experience that the weather never really settles down to be consistently hot until Christmas.

WINERY NEWS

We have finished bottling the 2016 red wines and the 2017 white wines. With hindsight we think that the 2017 Vintage should be rated very good to excellent.

NEW RELEASES

There are 9 new release wines in this newsletter including the Hunter Chardonnay 2017, Reserve Chardonnay 2017 and Hunter Shiraz 2016. We also added a new varietal wine to our portfolio with the release of our very first Sangiovese. See tasting notes etc. in the following pages.

If you get the chance please visit Mistletoe and we will be more than happy to show you all the new wines.

HERMITAGE ROAD CYCLEWAY

The Hermitage cycleway has been completed ahead of schedule and is now officially opened. There is approximately 12km of separate bitumen bike path on which you may peddle to your heart's content. It is safe to use and allows you to cycle between wineries, cellar doors, restaurants, galleries etc. It has attracted a lot of interest and attention and we are now seeing good numbers of people using the track, including mid week.

Bring your bike next visit to the Hunter you will not regret riding this track.

Pack a picnic lunch, you are always welcome to enjoy it at Mistletoe!

We look forward to welcoming you.



Mistletoe will be at
Vino Paradiso in the Rocks
on November 18th and 19th.

We will be offering
tastings all of our current
range of wines.

For more information
please visit
vinoparadiso.com.au

Hopefully you may be able to pop along and say hello.





MISTLETOE WINES

Current Wine List

2014
METHODE TRADITIONELLE
SPARKLING CHARDONNAY-
PINOT NOIR



This wine is a blend 85% Chardonnay and 15% Pinot Noir. Grapes sourced from Hilltops cool climate grape growing region. With secondary fermentation taking place in the bottle in which it is sold, the wine spent over 2yrs on yeast lees prior to disgorgement in Nov 2016. Light, bright straw in colour, very clean, dry, and refreshing aperitif. Serve chilled!

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$28

2016
RESERVE SEMILLON

Hand-harvested, whole bunch pressed grapes sourced from an older vineyard comprising creek flat alluvial soils. This is a classic Hunter Semillon exhibiting intense flavours of lemongrass and citrus with crisp balanced acidity and great palate length. Cellar to 2027.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$21

2016
HOME VINEYARD SEMILLON

Another high quality Semillon from the Mistletoe Home Vineyard. Hand harvested from low cropped 26 year old vines, cold fermented without any oak influence. Bottled early to retain the crisp acidity and lemony grapefruit characters typical of this vineyard. Drink now or cellar with confidence to 2024. Low alcohol style - great luncheon wine.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

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AVAILABLE ON
UNBROKEN/
STRAIGHT CASE
PURCHASES.
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2016
WILD SEMILLON

Single vineyard wine. Our first Wild Semillon. Wild yeast from the vineyard, barrel fermented, secondary fermentation and extended time on gross lees. Much fuller bodied than usual Hunter Semillon with nicely weighted texture and mouthfeel. Very well balanced. A complex palate with notes of honey and herbs complemented by the underlying citrus structure of Hunter Semillon. Drink now to 2022.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

2017
HUNTER VERDELHO

Hand-picked and whole bunch pressed then cold fermented without any oak influence. Rich, tropical fruit characters on the nose and fruit salad flavours on the palate. The refreshingly crisp acidity pulls the wine into delightful balance. Great with Asian cuisine especially that of Chinese origin. Drink - now to 2023.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

2017
HUNTER CHARDONNAY

Hand harvested grapes from the Mistletoe Home Vineyard and a neighbouring block. The fruit was destemmed and crushed direct to older French puncheons for fermentation and maturation until bottling in August 2017. Typical of good Hunter Chardonnay it has melon and white peach characters with the oak playing a supporting role. Serve chilled - not too cold! Great with a chicken pie or casserole. Drink - now to 2024.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

2017
RESERVE CHARDONNAY

The first year we have had fruit good enough to make a Reserve Chardonnay since 2014. Perfectly ripe, hand-harvested, clean fruit, was whole bunch pressed directly to a combination of new, one and two year old high quality French oak puncheons where it remained until bottling in August 2017. It shows a very well balanced, full flavoured palate with mineral, melon stone-fruit flavours and hint of creamy oak. Our flagship wine, only made in the years when the grapes are perfect. A wine of character and finesse. Drink now to 2025.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$27

2016
BUBBLY PETILLANT ROSÉ
In the same mould of the past 10 vintages. Sweet strawberry characters on the front



LIMITED STOCK

of the palate balanced by a drying and long finish. Perfect wine for Christmas Day celebrations, easy drinking aperitif style that also goes well with Asian food.

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

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2016
BARREL FERMMENTED ROSÉ
Shiraz grapes, crushed and chilled with 12 hours on skins for colour and character. Completely fermented and matured in older French oak puncheons. This is a classic dry rosé. Pale strawberry in colour, with pronounced dark cherry characters on the nose. The palate is fruit driven but finishes dry with nice weight and length. A serious complex Rosé. Drink now to 2020.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

2017
HUNTER ROSÉ
Our ever popular sweeter style Rosé. No longer to be called The Rose. We have changed the name and changed the label but it is still just as good or maybe even better than any of the previous 19 vintages. Perfumed floral bouquet reminiscent of Turkish delight. Light red berry flavours on the palate and refreshingly crisp acid finish balances the wine beautifully. Drink now to 2021.



LIMITED STOCK

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$19

2016
SILVEREYE SEMILLON

Find Hunter Semillon too dry? This is the wine for you! The bouquet shows tropical fruit, green apples and citrus. The palate is soft and lemony with balanced residual sweetness. The clean acid finish leaves the palate refreshed. Excellent aperitif, complements all types of Asian cuisine. Cellar up to 5 years but best to drink as a young wine. Low alcohol only 8.5%.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$19

2016
HUNTER SHIRAZ

The latest release of one of our most popular wines. This a traditional style Hunter Shiraz made solely from grapes grown on the Mistletoe Home Vineyard. Deep bright red in colour, it has a spicy fruit bouquet which lines the palate up for the ripe red fruit flavours that are tempered by smooth tannins and oak nuances from older French oak puncheons. It is soft on the palate and shows that earthiness so characteristic of Hunter Shiraz. Whilst it is drinking nicely already, for those who have the patience 5-6 years bottle age will be well rewarded for the wait. Drink - now to 2027.



NEW RELEASE

SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$21

2015
HOME VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Single vineyard wine made from grapes grown on the Mistletoe Home Vineyard. This vineyard was planted in 1991 and now produces very high quality grapes year after year. It is finer and more delicate than the Hunter Shiraz and exhibits great palate weight and length. Drink now to 2030.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$34

2014
HILLTOPS SHIRAZ VIOGNIER

James Halliday says of this wine "A prime example of the generosity and balance of Hilltops Shiraz, the rich flavours cruising along and through the medium bodied palate; tannins and oak are also part of the impressive picture. A seriously attractive wine at a seriously attractive price - 95 points" 13.8% alcohol. Cellar to 2029.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$21



2015 HILLTOPS RESERVE CABERNET

Every now and then something special comes together in the vineyard. A combination things such as soil type, rainfall, humidity, ripening conditions, disease pressure and the critical timing of harvest. Rich and smooth and shows exquisite black and red currant characters with hints of herb, bay leaf, and chocolate balanced with the French oak used for maturation. Drinking surprisingly well for a young Cabernet it promises to be something very special with age. Drink now to 2030. **95 points James Halliday AWC 2018.**



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$27

2016 HILLTOPS CABERNET MERLOT

This wine is an excellent example of the benefits of blending the more tannic, fuller bodied Cabernet with the softer, but very well structured Merlot. On the palate there are spicy black cherry and cassis flavours which are complemented, not dominated, by balanced French oak. It is fruity, elegant, and earthy, with excellent balance and fine tannins. Drink - now to 2020.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

2016 HILLTOPS SANGIOVESE

Single vineyard wine. Made in our onsite winery from grapes grown in the Hilltops region. Sangiovese 100%. Traditionally destemmed and crushed and fermented in small open fermenters. Maturation in older French oak barrels prior to bottling in July 2017. Deep purple/red in colour. The bouquet shows a combination of black and red fruits with subdued background oak. Chalky silky tannins add balance to these rich fruit flavours. Drink now to 2025.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$22

2017 BUBBLY MOZCATO

Exactly the same wine as our blue label Mozcato but this version is dressed up ready for Christmas and The Festive Season. Beautifully fragrant, full of flavour, bubbly but not too gassy, and not too sweet like most commercial Moscatos. Great drink for the warmer weather and perfect for Christmas gifts. Low in alcohol at just 5.4% - you can drink this Christmas morning and still be able to do lunch! Now bottled under screwcap for better keeping and resealing.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$20

2015 PETITE MUSCAT

Grown on the Mistletoe Home Vineyard this is a single vineyard wine. It is in essence a white port in style. The freshly pressed cold juice was fortified to 15.5% alcohol using natural grape spirit. It is highly perfumed with notes of orange blossom, Turkish delight and rosewater. It is very clean on the palate and, although sweet, it is not cloying. Ideal food match, ripe gold washed rind cheese and a fresh pear. Heaven!



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$15

2014 NOBLE VIOGNIER

Early Autumn rain resulted in a solid botrytis infection of the grapes used for this wine. The meagre amount of juice produced from the very dehydrated grapes was fermented cold. It is luscious, with crème brûlée characters, and flavours of apricot, marmalade and orange peel. Drink now to 2022 and beyond. Great with stewed fruit or cheese and fruit platters.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$19

N/V MISTELA

Mistela has been made by the addition of fine brandy spirit to freshly crushed and pressed Semillon juice. Mistela was then matured in French oak barrels that were previously used to store brandy - this has added extra bouquet and complexity to the finished wine. Serve chilled, have over ice as an aperitif or at the close of a meal together with cheese and fresh or dried fruit.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$19

2016 LHS VINTAGE FORTIFIED SHIRAZ

Rich super ripe grapes from Hilltops were crushed and then fortified with beautiful 8 year old Australian Brandy. It is drinking beautifully for such a young wine but will develop beautifully in the bottle over the next 10 years. Great drink by the fire on a Winter night. Drink, now to 2025.



SPECIAL BOTTLE PRICE \$21

christmas

"It's that Mistletoe time of the year"

Have you thought about giving wine to the most important people in your personal and business life at Christmas? People such as your employees, suppliers, customers, workmates and most importantly your family.

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