



TIDSWELL WINES

'Taste a Tidswell – Seriously Drinkable Wines'



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Welcome to 2006 and the first edition of Talking Tidswell.

Our customers may know of the Tidswell name in relation to the former wine company, Heathfield Ridge Wines. As part of the Tidswell family, we are delighted to announce that during 2005 we became the sole proprietors of Heathfield Ridge Wines and have relaunched it under the family name as Tidswell Wines. Our brands, Jennifer, Heathfield Ridge and Caves Rd remain the same.



Much excitement surrounds the launch of Tidswell Wines. We have redesigned our labels and packaging with a more contemporary, clean look and our website, www.tidswellwines.com.au now offers online ordering with up-to-date information on new wine releases.

We have also launched this bi-annual newsletter, **Talking Tidswell**, to keep you informed about all the latest news, specials, wine releases, events and export information.

Our family became involved in the wine industry when the Heathfield vineyard was planted in 1995. The introduction in 1998 of our first wine labels produced by Heathfield Ridge Wines, led to immediate success in the export markets of the United Kingdom and Canada.

At the beginning of 2005, we took on a new direction with more focus on the Australian domestic market. The past year has seen each of our brands gain national recognition with awards won in many categories.

Our magnificent property, Heathfield, is located four kilometres west of Bool Lagoon near Naracoorte in South Australia. It is blessed with spectacular giant red gums and beautiful lagoons but most importantly a large unique 'ridge' of ancient Mt Gambier limestone covered with red terra rossa soils.

We are proud to be the only wine company that grows and makes wine in the unique South Australian environmental precinct of Bool Lagoon.

The vineyard at Heathfield now covers 115 hectares and in its short life has produced wines of an excellent quality.

We have a simple philosophy: to make varietal wines that enhance food enjoyment and express the unique cool climate qualities of the vineyard.

The focus is to produce wines from estate-grown fruit that are balanced and elegant but also have intensity of fruit flavours with soft tannin structure. Fortunately, the vineyard location and unique characteristics of the area produce fruit ideally suited to making this wine style.

In essence, we like to make wines that we enjoy drinking! We look to 2006 with enthusiasm and a strong commitment to those who appreciate 'seriously drinkable wines'.

Ben and Andrea Tidswell

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The Tidswell Range

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2002 Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon

The 'Jennifer' is a tribute wine, which derives its name from Ben's late sister, a golden girl whose laughter and passion for life was unforgettable.

The best quality fruit has been selected from our estate grown Bool Lagoon vineyards and matured in new French Oak for 24 months to produce the 'Jennifer' Cabernet Sauvignon. This limited release wine displays a concentrated bouquet of leafiness and violets overlayed with rich blackcurrant fruit flavours and soft tannins. A truly distinctive wine, only produced in vintages of outstanding quality, it reflects the regional characters of our vineyards and can be confidently cellared until 2015.

RRP: \$29.50



2002 Heathfield Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2002 Heathfield Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon shows lifted ripe dark berry fruit flavours and an abundance of violets and leafiness on the bouquet. Matured in a combination of new French and American oak, this wine compliments the complex and rewarding characters from estate grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards.

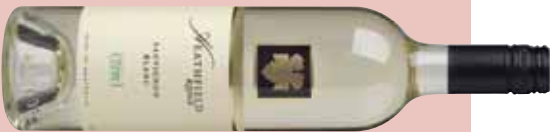
RRP: \$19.95



2002 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz

The 2002 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz displays an abundance of white pepper and blackberry fruit with the balanced spiciness of new American oak. With an enticing silky tannin finish this wine shows great potential reflecting the complexity of Shiraz from estate grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards.

RRP: \$19.95



2005 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc

The 2005 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc shows sumptuous gooseberry and passionfruit aromas, enhanced with tropical fruit flavours and a crisp finish. It is a complex and delicate wine, displaying the characters of Sauvignon Blanc from estate grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards.

RRP: \$17.50 SOLD OUT The 2006 release promises to be even better



2002 Caves Rd Shiraz

The 2002 Caves Rd Shiraz is a big, inky wine reflecting the dry 2002 vintage.

With plenty of coconut oak and sweet, spicy fruit flavours, it displays the complexity of Shiraz from estate-grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards and is guaranteed to bring any occasion to life.

RRP: \$13.50



2004 Caves Rd Chardonnay

The 2004 Caves Rd Chardonnay has a rich flavoursome palate and aromas of melons and pineapple with a fresh, soft finish. It displays the character of Chardonnay from estate-grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards.

RRP: \$13.50



Summer Specials

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2002 Heathfield Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon

11 bottles to the dozen (Pay for 11 and get 1 free)

Orders can be made on-line at www.tidswellwines.com.au

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Recent Achievements

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With continued export success following the launch of our wine labels in 1998, we are now focussing our marketing efforts on the domestic front.

2005 provided an exciting start to this new direction with the Tidswell brands Heathfield Ridge, Caves Rd and Jennifer gaining national recognition through various awards and wine shows.

o In August the 2005 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc won the Advertiser/Hyatt SA Wine of the Year Award for Best Sauvignon Blanc in both consumer and professional categories.

o The 2002 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz received a Five Star Rating in Winestate Magazine in December 2005.

o And most recently the 2002 Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon won the Blue Gold Award at the Sydney International Wine Competition.

This success is very satisfying to our winemaking team. Ben works very closely with Joanne and Jim Irvine of Winewise Consultants in all areas of production. The team has been making great strides over the past two vintages, in particular to further refine winemaking practices that compliment the work in the vineyard.



Bool Lagoon

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The Tidswell property, Heathfield, is situated between Big Heath and Mary Seymour National Parks. The nearby Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park are the most important wetland areas remaining in the South East of South Australia.



Bool Lagoon has a diverse history. Originally an Aboriginal camping ground, it then became a resting point for Chinese miners on the way to the goldfields. Later it was used as a rich pastoral grazing area and is now a unique winegrape growing district north of Coonawarra and west of Wrattenbully.

The wetlands surrounding Heathfield provide a major drought refuge and a breeding habitat for water birds. They also serve as a holding basin as part of a regional water drainage scheme.

It is an outstanding area for a wide range of water birds with 79 species having been recorded and 48 of these known to have bred there. It is particularly important for waterfowl and common species include Pacific Black Duck and Grey Teal.

Heathfield itself has three lagoons on it, which act as a wildlife refuge for extensive Australian and migratory bird life.

Given the environmental sensitivity of the area Ben and Andrea support low input viticultural methods such as reduced chemical use. In fact 50% of the vineyard is accredited organic.



Vintage Wrap Up

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Under the expert management of experienced viticulturist Neil Jones, biodynamic principles are applied in the vineyard.

Four blocks are entirely organically grown with OVOA (Organic Vignerons of Australia) certification. Ben and Neil work closely together to get it right in the vineyard so the winemaking can be kept simple.



The Tidswells believe that understanding the vineyard is critical, in particular the soils, so as to generate the intense fruit flavours desired from each variety. Sustainable environmental management enhances vine health and increases fruit quality in the long term.

The main varieties grown are Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

Small amounts of Petit Verdot and Semillon are also grown, which have been used in previous wines for blending.

The famous 'terra rossa' soil of the Limestone Coast (small strips of deep red soil over limestone beds) is ideal for producing top class red and white wines.

A predictable cool climate combined with these soils allows for the fruit yield to be of a consistent outstanding quality and 2006 is no exception.

Consistent spring rains have been a feature of the 2006 vintage to date. This has led to excellent early canopy growth but could result in early trimming in January.

Flowering finished in the middle of December with yields looking slightly above average except Shiraz, which was well below average at that time.

Vineyard management has involved maintaining regular spray programs to prevent any mildew outbreaks, lifting foliage wires to expose the forming berries to sunlight and monitoring pests.

Vine health is excellent and stable weather patterns have been forecast for the area, which is a promising sign for the remainder of the growing season.

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Export News

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Exporting has been strong from the beginning, with the Tidswell range achieving distribution in Canada, Japan, Singapore and Denmark.

Japan has been the most recent export focus for Tidswell Wines, with a successful visit to the country made by Ben Tidswell in March 2005. This relationship was consolidated in October when Ben hosted Mr Kenichi Taniguchi from the prestigious Mitsukoshi chain of department stores in Japan, which have stocked some of the Tidswell range since late 2004.

Mr Taniguchi, Head Sommelier and Buyer at the Tokyo Mitsukoshi department store, was given a winery and vineyard tour as well as a sheep-shearing lesson on the farm. According to Ben, "Ken" spent quite some time watching the shearing and was particu-

larly impressed by the use of sheep in the vineyard to control mid-row growth.

Tidswell Wines' exports to Canada continue to be solid in an increasingly competitive environment. 2005 saw the successful sale of the Jennifer and Caves Rd labels into two new provinces - Nova Scotia and Quebec - in addition to continued sales in Ontario and Alberta.

Ben has also been working with the South Australia Exporter European group to explore opportunities across the continent. We are close to securing sales to France with the Caves Rd label and will be conducting tast-

ings in Denmark, Germany and Italy with our Heathfield Ridge label in the first half of 2006.



Event News

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Tidswell Wines is getting hot and spicy in February by supporting the 2006 Taste the Limestone Coast Festival as a proud sponsor.

The 2006 Festival theme is "Hot & Spicy" which will bring Latin American, Brazilian and Cuban culture to the South East in a celebration of traditions in a fun cosmopolitan atmosphere.

The Festival is a must do event on the gastronomic calendar where you can taste your way around the region as the very best of the Limestone Coast's food, wine and boutique beer producers showcase their products.



Be sure to visit Ben and Andrea Tidswell at their stand to sample the complete Tidswell range, on offer by the glass or bottle accompanied by delicious local lamb and beef dishes available nearby.

The combination of food, wine, music, dance, art and races - not to mention a lively crowd - in an outdoor setting, will gel to make this a weekend like no other.

The 2006 Taste the Limestone Coast Festival is being held at various venues throughout the South East from 10 to 12 February 2006. For more information visit www.thetastefestival.com.au/index.htm.

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