



Special Offer

2006 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc

- We are pleased to be able to offer this excellent wine at a reduced rate for all orders placed via this newsletter. If two or more cases are purchased a 10% discount on the total value will apply with free delivery!

Win a 'mixed dozen' bottles of our premium wines in time for Christmas celebrations

- Refer someone you know who would like to be part of our customer club and if you send us his/her contact details with your name as referee, you will go into our Christmas customer club draw to 'win a mixed dozen'.
- You can either do this via our website or send off the customer club form in this newsletter.
- Concludes 17th December 2006

Please order any of our range on-line at www.tidswellwines.com.au

Or send the order form in this newsletter with your details to: PO Box 94 Kensington Park SA 5068

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Jenny McEachern, Ben and Andrea Tidswell at the Limestone Coast Festival

From the Vineyard

January and February were very dry months, which meant dry soils but at least no problems with mildew. March brought welcome rain, and the vines certainly enjoyed the drink, also providing excellent vine and canopy health. This however, did delay harvesting, as we don't want flavours diluted, so it's more frustrating than anything else.

The harvest began in late March, finishing in the first week of May. The quality is very high overall, in particular the Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. Vibrant colour, depth of fruit flavours and soft tannins were early features of the wines after fermentation. It will be very exciting to observe these wines as they mature in oak barrels over the next two years. We are thrilled to have such quality available when the 2006 reds are released.



Rows of ripe Cabernet at dusk

Of course the 2006 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc is already released and is a fantastic follow up wine to our award winning 2005 vintage. The 2006 Sauvignon Blanc has wonderful balance and displays a superb palate with gooseberry and lime being strong characters of the wine.

The work in a vineyard is endless and as soon as harvest is finished we swing into post harvest clean up and then pruning. Winter is also the time we are able to undertake any maintenance to trellis systems and irrigation, so it is a very busy time even though the vines are dormant.

Now spring has arrived and budburst marks the beginning of the 2007 vintage. Frost is a threat to the new shoots and over the next two months we will be looking nervously at the weather patterns. The record dry winter of 2006 in South Australia, on top of previous 'below average' rainfall seasons has left less soil moisture than hoped for at this time of year. Spring rainfall will be critical to the vines, as it will determine how well canopies develop and individual and bunch size of the new grapes. It will be a difficult growing season monitoring soil moisture and programming irrigation, but it would not be grape growing without these everyday challenges.

Welcome to Tidswell Wines

Welcome to the second edition of Talking Tidswell.



The Caves Rd label was developed originally as our entry point red and white wines, to mainly satisfy our growing export markets. It was with this in mind that the new labels were designed, illustrating clearly the location of our vineyards. A lightly wooded Chardonnay and rich, velvety Shiraz are released annually and have been well received in the local café market. Recent accolades are verification that these wines over deliver on quality in the current marketplace.

Heathfield Ridge

The Heathfield Ridge brand was originally introduced in 1998 with our award winning Shiraz and some of you may be familiar with these blue labels which made their way onto many shelves. Last year when we took over the reins of the family wine business, there was much discussion on whether or not to change a label that already had some recognition in the marketplace. We came to an agreement, rightly or wrongly, that a fresh, new look with simplified lines, but still using recognisable elements, would result in a greater shelf impact for our flagship wines. We bottled our 2005 Sauvignon Blanc under stelin in this format and have never looked back. It was with this wine that we won our first major award last year under the newly formed Tidswell Wines, that being, the Advertiser/Hyatt South Australian Wine of the Year in both consumer and professional categories.

As growers and winemakers, we have a firm grasp on the whole picture and our wine quality will never be compromised to satisfy a short term trend. Whilst the industry has unmistakably changed in recent times, our commitment remains the same; that is to make well balanced, varietal wines of a consistent quality that every wine drinker can enjoy at affordable prices.

The story behind our labels.

Caves Rd

We have two locations of vineyard. Most of our fruit is grown in our vineyards on the 'Heathfield' property, located near Bool Lagoon in the South East of South Australia. There are also several varieties grown on the corner of Caves Rd and Riddoch Highway, seven kilometres south of Naracoorte.

Jennifer

The 'Jennifer' has a special place in our hearts, as it is a tribute wine to celebrate the life of Ben's sister, Jennifer, who passed away tragically at 29 years of age in 1995. This limited release red wine will only be produced in vintages of outstanding quality, using small parcels of the very best grapes from our estate-grown Bool Lagoon vineyards. We decided to keep the original elegant bottle shape which reflects the premium quality of its contents. The stylized, hand written font reflects a carefree, contemporary look which is as individual as the Jennifer we lovingly remember.

Ben and Andrea Tidswell Proprietors

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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 overlaid 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



NEW RELEASE

2003 Heathfield Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2003 Heathfield Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits a convincing bouquet of rich berries with violet overtones. Sweet, ripe fruit combined with eighteen months in French oak barrels have resulted in a full flavoured, balanced palate and smooth, lingering finish. This wine is a perfect example of the great Cabernet Sauvignons from our region and can be cellared confidently for up to ten years.

RRP: \$19.95



NEW RELEASE

2004 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz

The 2004 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz presents a wonderful bouquet of blackcurrant and ripe berries. A subtle, sweet palate is complimented with balanced pepper and spicy oak characters to award a delightful, lingering finish. This is another superb vintage of Heathfield Ridge Shiraz, building further on the reputation of this wine.

RRP: \$19.95



2006 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc

The 2006 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc displays enticing aromatics of passionfruit, lime, tropical fruits and a hint of rosy florals. These qualities are enhanced on the palate and complemented with crisp acidity adding complexity, delicacy and finesse. This wine displays the outstanding characters of Sauvignon Blanc from estate grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards.

RRP: \$17.50



NEW RELEASE

2004 Caves Rd Shiraz

The 2004 Caves Rd Shiraz is a full-flavoured Australian Shiraz produced from estate-grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards. It is vivid in colour, with a bouquet of rich, dark berry fruits. A subtle pepper and spicy palate is balanced with superb oak characters, leading to a smooth, satisfying finish. This wine is an excellent 'food wine' and an expression of the 'terroir' of the Limestone Coast.

RRP: \$13.50



NEW RELEASE

2005 Caves Rd Chardonnay

The 2005 Caves Rd Chardonnay has a rich, flavoursome palate and aromas of melons and pineapple with a fresh, soft finish. After six months in French barrels, this wine is lightly oaked in character. We are thrilled with the fruit intensity which typifies Chardonnay from estate-grown fruit at our Bool Lagoon vineyards, and it is guaranteed to bring any occasion to life.

RRP: \$13.50

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Recent achievements and export developments

Achievements & developments

Our wines continue to impress and we are proud to share recent success stories with our customers. These accolades recognise the continuing commitment our dedicated team have made to perfect the winemaking process, in the vineyard and the winery, through to sales; embracing the challenges we meet along the way.

• August brought significant success abroad, the first being a silver medal for the 2002 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz and a bronze medal for the 2002 Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon at the 2006 Japan International Wine challenge. The relationship with our Japanese customers continues to develop and once again in March this year Ben made the trip to Osaka, Nagoya and Tokyo working closely with our distributor Tomohiko Tanabe to promote our new labels.

• Our wines performed favourably against the worlds best at the 2006 International Wine and Spirit Challenge in London. The 2002 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz won the 'Silver best in class' medal and the 2002 Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon won a bronze medal. It was at this event also, that our consultant winemaker, Joanne Irvine was named 'International Red Winemaker of the Year'. Acknowledged as a leading Australian winemaker, Joanne is to be congratulated on her award, and we look to our future together with much anticipation and excitement.

• As a result of involvement with the South Australian Exporter European group and a follow up visit to Munich, we have successfully secured new distribution in Germany with our Caves Rd labels.

• Tidswell Wines has impressed James Halliday, who has rated us as a 4 star winery in the renowned James Halliday Wine Companion 2007. Additionally, he has awarded the 2002 Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon a score of 93 points. Thank you James!



Event News

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On a frosty Friday evening in June, we entertained approximately 100 invited guests in the Arnou Bistro at 'Coopers Alehouse'. It was a relaxed occasion where friends and valued customers alike mingled with each other after the working week to enjoy a glass or two (or three) of the Tidswell Wine range of premium wines. It was with much anticipation that we officially launched our 2006 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc at this gathering. The delicious cocktail food, wonderful company and of course excellent wines made this event a very enjoyable one. Thank you once again to everyone who supported us by their attendance. We will repeat the occasion in the not too distant future.



Tidswell Wines Tasting at Coopers Alehouse in June

Order Form/Customer Club

NAME OF REFEREE (if applicable - see reverse)

NAME

ADDRESS

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

TELEPHONE

FACSIMILE

EMAIL

WINES CASE PRICE QTY

2002 Jennifer Cabernet Sauvignon \$177.00 (6)

2003 Heathfield Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon \$239.40

2004 Heathfield Ridge Shiraz \$239.40

2006 Heathfield Ridge Sauvignon Blanc \$210.00

(Special Offer Available - see reverse)

2004 Caves Rd Shiraz \$162.00

2005 Caves Rd Chardonnay \$162.00

TOTAL PRICE

DELIVERY \$9 PER CASE

Cheque Credit Card

Visa Bankcard MasterCard Amex

Expiry date:

Card No:

Signature:



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