

# BATTLE *of* BOSWORTH

## Christmas 2007

### And then there were two

Well, well, well what a tumultuous year it has been at Battle of Bosworth. It seems only a second since it was Christmas 2006 and from the looks of things and noting the timing of this newsletter, our organisation has not improved over the year - and for good reason.

The birth of **Margaret (Peggy) Rebekah Bosworth** who joined Celia as member of the junior BoB team in April has put Louise's time management skills to the test and they have been found wanting.

### Let Me Take you by the Hand

**Joch Bosworth** saw the lie of the land once there was 2 and not one and promptly disappeared off to London for the **London International Wine And Spirit Fair** leaving Louise at the mercy of a new born with colic, an angry 2 and ½ year old suffering from sibling rivalry AND her mother over from the UK to 'help' while Joch was gone. South Australia experienced a sharp spike in gin sales about this time, and double digit growth thereafter.

However London wasn't just about escaping domestic turmoil - Bozzie put some miles in touring the country, spreading the BoB message.

The **2005 Shiraz** picked up a **Silver** medal at the **International Wine Challenge** which was very respectable, especially when you read the review - clearly the judges meant to award it a gold medal...

The **2005 Shiraz** also picked up another silver medal in the **Decanter World Wine Awards** and judging by the actual review, once again clearly the judges meant to award it a **Gold** medal;

*'Spicy. Ripe, sweet, black fruit aromas. Vibrant. Very structured. Nice deep fruit. Quality wine.'*

### Bosworth Media Tart

We had a good spate of reviews over the year, some of them for wines which are still available, notably a double mention in UK wine journo Matthew Jukes and Australian counterpart Tyson Stelzer's **TASTE FOOD AND WINE 2008** (Wine Press, Brisbane 2007), the release of which we managed to get to at the Hilton Adelaide thanks to some babysitting favours pulled in from all sides. Included in the book were the

**2006 Shiraz Viognier** *'..... Give it some air and you'll see impish grins creeping onto the faces of your guests and before you know it, skinny-dipping will be on the agenda.....!'*

Also mentioned was the **2007 Chardonnay Viognier** which got this write up,

*'The Battle is on again. .... We were lured in by the 2006 last year and now we are completely besotted with the pretty florals, lithe frame and lovely shape of the 2007.'*

So there. Now, there is plenty available of both the **2006 Shiraz Viognier** and the **2007 Chardonnay Viognier** and both are great for the summer season.

### Made for Television

Bozzie made his debut on the small screen, appearing on cricketering star **Stuart McGill's 'Uncorked'** which screened on the **Lifestyle Food** channel on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Bosworth is not renowned for his media-friendly ways, but as we don't have cable here at the vineyards, we have to trust friends and colleagues who rang to say that he looked and sounded good....we will have to wait for the DVD to be sent from the producer to confirm this.

The review of the program in the **Weekend Australian Review** Section (Dec 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) talked about 'a lot of human contact here...(in Willunga).' and actually mentions Joch and Battle of Bosworth, which was nice...there really was human contact, Joch reporting that Stuart was clearly so impressed with the BoB wines he gave Joch a big hug?

Louise was a little **aggrieved** not to be invited to participate, despite walking back and forth close to where they were filming, clutching her photogenic children with a light dusting of lipstick and mascara (kids and mother), in an effort to be called in to appear. Apparently they preferred Bosworth with his scruffy clothes and disarming manner....

### Advertiser Top 100 Wine

The year ended on a nice note from a review perspective with the **2005 Shiraz** finding its way into the Adelaide Advertiser's Top 100 wines. A score of 93 points was very satisfactory and to be called a 'rising star' even more so.....

### Halliday's Wine Companion 2008

Another 4 ½ stars from Halliday in his 2008 Wine Companion kept us happy but lusting for the 5 star rating, fingers crossed for the 2009 Companion...notable scores were **94 points for the 2005 Cabernet** and **93 points for the 2005 Shiraz**. Both of which we have sold out of at this end, more's the pity, but there should be some left in the trade.

### A View from the Vineyard - Vintage 2007

Late again with news about the vintage, but the report can be summed up in three words - dry and small, which means we are praying for a more substantial 2008 vintage which can be released early to compensate for what may be one of the smallest vintages in a while...vintage 2008 looking better after solid winter rains....

### December 2007 Mail Order Price List....

I have enclosed the December mail order list. Please give me a shout if you have any queries on 08 8556 2441 or email me on [louise@edgehill-vineyards.com.au](mailto:louise@edgehill-vineyards.com.au). **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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