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OLIVER'S PONDERINGS

The latest word from Chain of Ponds Wines

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. My name is Oliver, the new star of Chain of Ponds. I am named in honour of Oliver Philp, who founded the township of Chain of Ponds around 1851. My friends call me Ollie.

It's been a while since our last newsletter, and there is much to report on the recent happenings at Chain of Ponds. But being a frog of few words, I will keep it short and sweet.

My collection of wines has had a facelift with the labels undergoing some changes to keep them up to date with a clean, modern look. Although I'm not a frog to boast, I am the main star of the label and I must say I'm looking pretty good. I am very happy with the results, but the cramps I endured while posing for the picture are another story altogether!

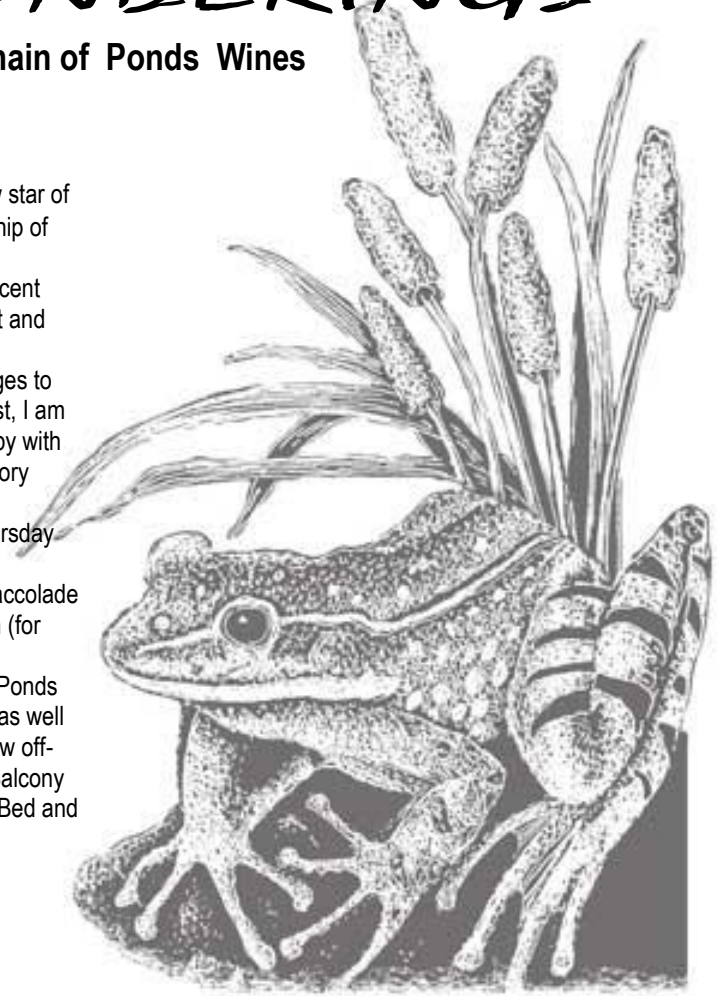
I am very excited about the launch of the 2009 vintage of my famous Black Thursday Sauvignon Blanc happening in October (for more on this see Pg 3)

Chain of Ponds has continued on its award winning way, with our most recent accolade being another 5 star winery rating in the 2010 James Halliday Wine Companion (for more on our awards and a word from the wine maker see Pg 2)

Ben and Amber are our two friendly faces in Cellar Door, both new to Chain of Ponds and bubbling with enthusiasm. They are serving our new award-winning wines as well as our old favourites like Island Sting Honey Liqueur. Chain of Ponds is also now offering lunches every day of the week through Cafe Novello and the re-opened Balcony Restaurant on Sundays. We also offer the perfect getaway in our country style Bed and Breakfast. What more could you ask for?

I look forward to seeing you again soon

Ollie



Dining at Chain of Ponds: Cafe Novello & Balcony Restaurant

Café Novello, open weekdays and Saturdays, offers a satisfying selection of light lunch options, from cheese and antipasto platters to our famous home made pies and hearty soup. *We welcome our wine club members to come and enjoy and free cake with any hot drink**



(One per customer)

On Sundays the Balcony Restaurant is back for lunch, serving rustic Italian favourites featuring local hills produce and seasonal flavours. In winter enjoy the cosy wood fire, and in the warmer weather enjoy the crisp hills air while taking in the beautiful views of our gardens, vineyards and the Torrens Valley. It's the perfect place to share a long lunch and delicious glass (or two) of wine with friends and family. Ollie suggests you book for the Restaurant: 08 8389 1415



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A Word from the Winemaker

Hi Chain of Ponds Wine Club Members,
Vintage started with a period of extreme temperatures, this affected crop levels significantly in the more susceptible varieties such as Pinot Noir but had lesser effect on the more hardy varieties. It also caused some early leaf drop in some of the northern facing vineyards. The cooler days and nights following the heatwave produced ideal slow and even ripening conditions producing wines with good depth, flavour and structure.

The 2009 Black Thursday Sauvignon Blanc has now been bottled and is full of tropical fruits, kiwi fruit and cucumber. It will be a very refreshing drink for the coming Spring and Summer.

The 2009 Reds are all through primary and secondary fermentation and currently tucked away in barrels. The Shiraz is very lifted with an abundance of red and dark fruit characters and hints of spice and white pepper.

The Pinot Noir is showing good cinnamon spice, cherry and strawberry notes, and is currently maturing nicely. It should be ready for bottling later this year to early next year.

The Cabernet Sauvignon this year is floral with dark berry fruit characters, hints of eucalypt and mint around the aroma. It's an all round good year for Cabernet.

Enjoy a glass of something interesting.

Greg Clack - Winemaker Chain of Ponds



Awards & Accolades

Chain of Ponds Wines 5 Star Winery Rating - James Halliday Wine Companion 2010

The Cachet Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot 2003

96 Points - James Halliday 2010

Top of Class (Cabernet Family) - James Halliday 2010

The Cachet Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot 2002

Gold Medal - Sydney Royal Wine Show

95 Points - James Halliday 2010

The Cachet Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot 2004

Silver Medal - Sydney Royal Wine Show

The Amadeus - Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

94 Points - James Halliday 2010

The Amadeus - Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

Gold Medal/Trophy - Brisbane Wine Festival

Silver Medal - Sydney Royal Wine Show

The Ledge - Shiraz 2005

93 Points - James Halliday 2010

Corkscrew Rd - Chardonnay 2005

Gold Medal - International Wine Challenge London

Black Thursday - Sauvignon Blanc 2008

90 Points - James Halliday 2010

The Red Semi - 2008 Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc

4 Stars/ Top of Class - Wine State Magazine



Functions at Chain of Ponds

Hi my name is Amber Flavell - the new Functions Manager at Chain of Ponds Wines. I started in February with a flurry of activity, five weddings in my first few weeks. With stunning views, beautiful gardens, amazing food, award winning wines and friendly helpful staff, Chain of Ponds is the perfect place to hold your next function. Our recent "Night in the Cellar", a four course dinner matched to our award winning red wines, was a great success, with our guests leaving very satisfied and demanding to be informed of our next function! We are also very excited about the events happening with the launch of our new vintage Black Thursday Sauvignon Blanc.

I would love to chat with you about your next function, please contact me on 08 8389 1415



Chain of Ponds Vineyard Cottage B & B



Uniquely situated in the heart of the Adelaide Hills our 'Vineyard Cottage' is perfect for a weekend getaway, or as a base from which to explore the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa wine regions.

Our 1880's stone cottage has been carefully restored and fitted with today's modern comforts whilst retaining its historic charm. Mature gardens surround the cottage providing a haven for our beautiful local wildlife.

The cottage can accommodate up to four couples and facilities include main bedroom with ensuite, separate bathroom with spa, a fully equipped kitchen, open fire, TV, stereo, video and a BBQ area. Provisions for a cooked and continental breakfast are also provided. It is only a short stroll to our tasting room and restaurant.

Enjoy the beauty of rolling hills and vineyards whilst relaxing on the verandah with a complimentary bottle of wine. Whether it's a romantic weekend for two or a get together with friends, you are sure to enjoy the total privacy and freedom this non-hosted accommodation provides.

For reservations please call: 08 8389 1415

New Vintage: Black Thursday Sauvignon Blanc 2009 Launch Date - 9th October 2009

9/10 - Sauvignon Blanc launch - New Vintage

Adelaide Central Markets

10/10 Girls Day Out - Savvy High Tea at Chain of Ponds Winery

High Tea with our new Savvy Blanc - complimentary glass of the new vintage on arrival in a special glass - yours to keep.

The Body Shop - Make Up Party, Tupperware Party - door prize.

11/10 A Savvy Day Out at Chain of Ponds

2009 Black Thursday Sauvignon Blanc, Salt and Pepper Squid, Yiros, Live Music on our lawns.

Bierhaus Beers available for the boys www.ahcb.com.au

Savvy and Seafood - Four course set menu matched to our Sauvignon Blanc and Sauv Blanc blends or Bierhaus Beers.

Don't be disappointed - Book Now - 08 8389 1415



New Chain of Ponds Merchandise



**Chain of Ponds
Rugby Top**
RRP: \$55.00
Member price: \$49.50

Available in Red or Black
Sizes, S, M, L, XL & XXL



Island Sting Honey Liqueur Gift Box
RRP: \$77.40
Member price: \$68.80

1 Bottle Island Sting Honey Liqueur
4 Sting glasses w COP Logo and Sting Bee
Pack 7 Honey Liqueur Chocolates



Chain of Ponds Oliver's Apron
RRP: \$28.00
Member price: \$25.20

Full size apron with Front pocket,
Chain of Ponds Logo and Oliver.



Wine Gift Box
RRP: \$70.20 - \$135.00
Member price: \$62.40 - \$120.00
Price will alter depending on
your wine choice

2 Large Chain of Ponds Wine
Glasses
2 Bottles of Wine of your choice

OLIVER'S OFFERS

Special offers for our Wine Club Members

MUSEUM RELEASE

Cachet Museum 6 pack (rrp: \$300.00)

2 x 1999, 2 x 2000 & 2 x 2001

Oliver's Offer: \$240.00

Cachet Vertical 6 pack (rrp: \$300.00)

1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Awards

2002 - Gold Medal - Sydney Royal Wine Show -95 Points - James Halliday 2010

2003 - 96 Points - James Halliday 2010

2004 (not released yet) Silver Medal Sydney Royal Wine Show

Oliver's Offer: \$270.00

Riesling Vertical 6 pack (rrp: \$150.00)

2 x 2001, 2 x 2003 and 2 x 2004

Oliver's Offer: \$120.00

Riesling straight dozen (rrp: \$300.00)

2001 or 2003 or 2004

Oliver's Offer: \$240.00

MAKING WAY FOR NEW VINTAGE

Black Thursday & Red Semi Dozen (rrp: \$216.00)

6 x 200 Sauvignon Blanc - 91 Points James Halliday 2010

6 x 2008 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc - 4 Stars - Top of Class Wine State Magazine

Oliver's Offer: \$129.60

Novello Rosso & Bianco Dozen (rrp: \$168.00)

6 x 2008 Rosé

6 x 2008 Semillon/Sauv Blanc/Pinot Grigio

Oliver's Offer: \$100.80

Sparkling Rosso (rrp: \$168.00)

12 x Sparkling Rosé

Oliver's Offer: \$134.40



ORDER FORM

Rugby Top/Apron	Size	Qty		Ollies Offer	Total
Red			\$55.00	\$49.50	
Black			\$55.00	\$49.50	
Apron			\$28.00	\$25.20	
Wine Gift Box					
Sauv Blanc/Shiraz			\$77.40	\$68.80	
Pinot Grigio/Sangiovese			\$82.80	\$73.60	
Corkscrew/Amadeus			\$99.00	\$88.00	
Island Sting Gift Box			\$77.40	\$68.80	

Wine Specials	Qty		Ollies Offer	Total
Cachet Museum 6 Pack		\$300.00	\$240.00	
Cachet Vertical 6 Pack		\$300.00	\$270.00	
Riesling Vertical 6 Pack		\$150.00	\$120.00	
Riesling straight dozen		\$300.00	\$240.00	
Black Thursday & Red Semi Dozen		\$216.00	\$129.60	
Novello Rosso & Bianco Dozen		\$168.00	\$100.80	
Sparkling Rosso		\$168.00	\$134.40	
		<i>Freight \$12.00*</i>		
			Total	

* \$12.00 Freight for dozen or gift box. 6pks can be packaged together to a dozen.

Delivery Details

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Payment Details

Visa Mastercard Amex

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please note: In signing this form you confirm that you are over 18 years of age