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BILL'S SPRING REPORT

It certainly continues to be a challenging time for us all, with rolling lockdowns, the constant threat of COVID and very trying business conditions. Never has it been more important as a society to pull together. Never has it been more important to support each other and never has it been more important to cling to family and friends. Never have we been more grateful for the support we have received from our customer base.

Like most workplaces we have really stuck together through lockdown and I really want to publicly thank all our staff who have been

fantastic through this period. We have managed to keep the cellar door operating albeit for deliveries and "click and collect".

We continue to finish the 2020 reds and 2021 whites in the hope that soon we may be able to open up again for visitation. Let's hope a visit to the Hunter Valley and to all the Hunter Valley cellar doors is within reach.

Also pleasing is the "meet the grower" section in this newsletter on my son Will. After a lifetime of my advice not to enter the wine industry he and his partner, Xanthe, purchased a vineyard about five years ago. To say I am proud of his achievements is an understatement. They have provided not just to us, but many other producers in the Hunter, high quality grapes in a very professional manner. The wine industry is not an easy industry to make a go of and they have done a terrific job over a couple of very challenging vintages. I hope you enjoy the collaboration on the two wines in this pack.

Also of note is the graphic design of this newsletter done by my talented daughter, Anna. I don't often make mention of my family but I think COVID has given us all some time for reflection. As I say, family has never been more important.

Your support not only supports young families like my son's but many small grape growers who are the bedrock of our industry.

Hoping to see you all at the winery soon.

Thanks and regards,

B. Sneddon

Bill Sneddon General Manager/Chief Winemaker

WINESTATE MAGAZINE

Outstanding Semillon Reviews

We were really excited to receive two great results and reviews in the latest Winestate magazine. In the Semillon tasting both our 2017 and 2021 received 4.5 stars. These two wines are currently our 'young' and 'rerelease' wines. As a special opportunity for our members we are offering six bottles (three of each vintage) for a special price of \$125 or \$240 for a dozen, plus our Covid bonus of free freight. We love Semillon and we love making it. We hope you love the wines.



Allandale Winery Hunter Valley Semillon 2021

★★★★1/2 96pts

Very youthful wine with bright lime/lemon fruit with slightly grassy characters and tightly focused line of crisp acid. Some flintiness. \$27

Allandale Winery Hunter Valley Semillon 2017

★★★★1/2 97pts

"Intoxicating nose," rich with excellent toasty marmalade development. Full developing toasty flavours supported by great acid line. Ageing well. \$35



Model behaviour

Baxter and Sonny were lucky enough to be invited back by Craig McGill and Susan Elliott to feature in the sixth edition of their yet-to-be-released photographic journal Wine Dogs of Australia. This beautiful portrait of our handsome boys was brought to you by Craig's incredible ability to juggle a camera, Schmacko's and Elvis the squeaky rubber chicken to get the perfect shot.

Visit www.winedogs.com to discover more sweet pups from magnificent wineries around the world.

October 2021 Club Pack



2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC ORANGE

Classically varietal with intense flavours of ripe lychee, passionfruit and nuances of honeysuckle.

MATCH WITH: Crispy crab and ginger dumplings.

RRP \$22 bottle/ \$225 doz
CLUB MEMBERS \$18.70 bottle/ \$191.25 doz



2021 CLASSIC DRY ROSÉ HILLTOPS

An elegant wine made in the Provence style from South East France. Strawberries & cream dominate the nose with fresh red fruit and a light spritz on the palate, finishing in a drier style.

MATCH WITH: Potato waffles with smoked salmon and creamy buttermilk dressing.

RRP \$25 bottle/ \$255 doz
CLUB MEMBERS \$21.25 bottle/ \$216.75 doz



2014 WINEMAKER'S RESERVE SEMILLON HUNTER VALLEY

Crisp grapefruit and sherbet with lifted lemon/lime flavours underscored by a citrus line of acidity, through to a long toasty finish.

MATCH WITH: oysters with pickled ginger dressing.

RRP \$50 bottle/ \$505 doz
CLUB MEMBERS \$42.50 bottle/ \$429.25 doz



2019 MATTHEW SHIRAZ HUNTER VALLEY

Twelve months in new French and American oak hogsheads gives this wine subtle vanillin flavours and hand plunging in open fermenters enhances the rich, berry, plum palate indicative of a hot, dry Hunter vintage.

MATCH WITH: Braised beef cheek and green peppercorn pies.

RRP \$40 bottle/ \$405 doz
CLUB MEMBERS \$34 bottle/ \$344.25 doz



2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON HILLTOPS

This wine has all the classic hallmark characteristics of great Cabernets; intense tannin structure (perfect for ageing), dark cherry fruit weight and subtle herbaceous mint and pine freshness.

MATCH WITH: Mint and chilli lamb sausage rolls with tzatziki.

RRP \$30 bottle/ \$305 doz
CLUB MEMBERS \$25.50 bottle/ \$259.25 doz



2020 MOURVÈDRE HILLTOPS

Presenting flavours of fresh raspberries with hints of cinnamon and earthy undertones. The bright acidity and medium tannins make this an easy drinking style, perfect for food matching.

MATCH WITH: Celeriac, watercress, pea and ham hock soup.

RRP \$30 bottle/ \$305 doz
CLUB MEMBERS \$25.50 bottle/ \$259.25 doz

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www.allandalewinery.com.au
to receive your member's
15% discount.



MEET THE GROWER: Will Sneddon, Hudson Vineyard

There's a collaborative nature to any agricultural industry that makes the community feel very close, even more so when you're actually family. Growing up watching his dad as Allandale's chief winemaker, one would think it's only natural Will would have the goal to own and operate his own vineyard one day, but there's a saying; "If you want to make a million dollars in the wine business, start with 10 million dollars", which was enough for Bill to spend many years trying to dissuade Will's career choice. Suffice to say after completing a degree in Architecture, Will took an about turn and followed the 'bright lights' of the wine industry anyway. Following a move to Hilltops in southern NSW, he and his partner Xanthe, purchased a vineyard. He has since navigated some of the toughest vintages a lot of vignerons will see in their whole career. While managing plagues, drought, bushfires and excessive amounts of rain, he's continued to produce high quality old world varieties that we're seeing great demand for across Australia.

The **2020 Mourvèdre** and **2021 Classic Dry Rosé** (a blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre) selected for this pack were both made using fruit from the Hudson Vineyard. Will said he particularly enjoys growing

Mourvèdre and Grenache albeit for different reasons; "There are other varieties that have similar characteristics in the sense that they are 'well behaved' and hardy but Mourvèdre is such a 'pretty' variety to grow. Having said that, growing a more challenging variety like Grenache is maybe more rewarding because of its eccentricities, every year needs an almost entirely different management strategy to get good results. It's playing chess and checkers at the same time with varieties like that. So it's rewarding when you get it right."

Playing the game that is vineyard management in our ever-changing climate leaves a lot of room for innovation. As a new-world wine region we have the luxury of some flexibility when it comes to the development of "non-traditional" approaches to make our jobs more efficient, with the ultimate goal of a better product as a result. "We're planting some CSIRO developed first generation 'disease resistant' hybrids this year. I can't tell you which ones or I'd have to kill you" Will said, heeding the CSIRO's strict propagation agreement.

In an industry that is evolving nearly as fast as the consumer's palate, Will sees an important future for these varieties as he and consumers alike "would like to see grapes produced more sustainably and with fewer chemical interventions... the next step in organic viticulture, grapes that in theory can be grown completely free of pesticides." Hudson Vineyard is the first commercial grower in NSW to be given access to these varieties. Will is excited by the possibilities. He says: "Allandale (thanks in part to a small degree of nepotism) is likely to be one of the first commercial wineries to have access to this fruit... so watch this space".

Wine & Movie Matches

Is re-watching Friends for the 14th time just not cutting it anymore? Do you aimlessly scroll the app and eventually give up because you can't decide? **1.** Pick your bottle of choice **2.** Pick your mood **3.** Bottle open, wine in glass, press play!

WHAT MOOD ARE YOU IN	2021 SAUVIGNON BLANC	2021 CLASSIC DRY ROSÉ	2014 WMR SEMILLON	2019 MATTHEW SHIRAZ	2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON	2020 MOURVEDRE
WHEN YOU WANT TO LAUGH	 She's the Man	 Legally Blonde	 Monty Python and the Holy Grail	 Hot Fuzz	 Priscilla: Queen of the Desert	 First Wives Club
WHEN YOU WANT A PICK-ME-UP	 Mama Mia	 About Time	 Little Miss Sunshine	 Ocean's Twelve	 Love Actually	 50 First Dates
WHEN YOU WANT TO CRY	 Inside Out	 My Sister's Keeper	 Marley & Me	 Red Dog	 Me Before You	 P.S. I Love You
WHEN YOU WANT TO SCARE THE CRAP OUT OF YOURSELF	 I Know What You Did Last Summer	 Carrie	 Us	 Get Out	 The Quiet Place	 Jaws

OCTOBER ORDER FORM

WINES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE	PRICE			QUANTITY			TOTAL
	per bottle	per six pack	per dozen	bottle	six pack	dozen	
SPARKLING							
2019 Sparkling Gewürztraminer Goulburn Valley	\$22	\$132	\$225				
2018 William Sparkling Hunter Valley	\$45	\$250	\$455				
WHITE							
2021 Semillon Hunter Valley	\$22	\$132	\$225				
2017 Aged Semillon Hunter Valley	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2021 Chardonnay Hunter Valley	\$25	\$150	\$255				
2021 Sauvignon Blanc Orange	\$22	\$132	\$225				
2021 Pinot Gris Hilltops	\$22	\$132	\$225				
2021 Verdelho Hunter Valley	\$22	\$132	\$225				
RED							
2020 Classic Rosé Hilltops	\$25	\$150	\$255				
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2021 Lombardo	\$22	\$132	\$225				
2020 Durif Riverina	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2020 Mourvèdre Hilltops	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2018 Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre Hilltops	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Mudgee	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Hilltops	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Hilltops	\$30	\$180	\$305				
2019 Matthew Shiraz Hunter Valley	\$40	\$240	\$405				
2016 Shiraz Hilltops	\$30	\$180	\$305				
WINEMAKER'S RESERVE							
2017 Grandfather's Reserve Shiraz Hilltops	\$50	\$275	\$505				
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2014 Winemaker's Reserve Semillon Hunter Valley	\$50	\$275	\$505				
2015 Winemaker's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Mudgee	\$60	\$320	\$605				
2018 Winemaker's Reserve Shiraz Cab. Sauv. Mudgee/Hilltops	\$60	\$320	\$605				
DESSERT							
2017 Botrytis Viognier 500mL Hilltops	\$35	\$210	\$355				
GIFTS & SPECIALS							
WINESTATE 2017 & 2021 SEMILLON PACK*		6 pack \$125	Dozen \$240				
1 YEAR ALLANDALE WINE CLUB SUBSCRIPTION*		3x6 pack \$297	3x12 pack \$540				
NV TAIL WAGS DOG RED BLEND	\$17	\$102	\$100*				
GIFT CERTIFICATE* (minimum \$20 value)							
MAGNUM 2014 Winemaker's Reserve Shiraz Barossa	\$120						
MAGNUM 2015 Grandfathers Reserve Shiraz Hilltops	\$100						
MAGNUM 2015 Winemaker's Reserve Cab. Sauv. Mudgee	\$120						

FREIGHT PER BOX Newcastle & Sydney \$9 - Australia-wide \$12. Free for orders of 2+ dozen.

* No further discount applies.

Sub Total \$
Less Wine Club 15% Discount
Plus Road freight (see left) \$
TOTAL \$

YOUR DETAILS

Name **DOB

Address

Suburb State Postcode

E-mail Phone

DELIVERY ADDRESS (if different from above)

Name

Address

Suburb State Postcode

SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

☐ At front door ☐ On the front porch ☐ Any safe place on my premises ☐ By the side gate

☐ Signature Required (leave card if not home) ☐ Under carport/veranda ☐ Other

Thank you for your order

PAYMENT

☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD ☐ AMEX Card Holder Name

Card Number Expiry / CVV

JOIN THE ALLANDALE WINE CLUB

Tick your choice ☐ Receive a 6 pack 3 times per year for \$99 each ☐ Receive a dozen pack 3 times per year for \$180 each

Special wine requests*

* Whilst every effort will be made to meet special wine requests, some wines may run out of stock and be substituted for new vintages or similar styles without notice.

Agreement: I hereby wish to join Allandale Wine Club. I understand that I will receive one tasting pack in the first week of April, July and October each year. The cost of these tasting packs will be automatically debited from my nominated credit card. If I wish to cancel my membership I can contact the winery directly. Notification of cancellation must be received at least two weeks prior to the mail out dates.

** In compliance with the Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing, I declare that I am over 18 years, and no other person will take delivery.

Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing - Liquor Act 2007 states that it is an offence to sell or supply, or to obtain supply of liquor on behalf of a person under the age of 18 years.

Signature Print Name Date / /