

# ALLANDALE



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## BILL'S WINTER REPORT

Now with vintage well behind us, our attention is focused on bottling the 2018 whites and preparing the 2017 reds for bottling. With two good years in a row for the Hunter we are looking forward to releasing these wines. In particular we are excited to have a Hunter red again on our tasting list. The 2017 Matthew Shiraz looks outstanding. A solid wine from a very solid vintage. Look out for this wine in packs towards the end of the year.

I hope all the members who visited us in the VIP tent at the Lovedale Long Lunch in May had a great time. Please keep this in mind for next year if you can join us, 3rd weekend in May.

Please also save the date for our 40th Anniversary Dinner on 24th November at the winery. For me personally, this is a great opportunity to reflect over the past years. Since I started at Allandale there has been huge changes, both at Allandale and in the wine industry in general. More information about this event will be provided in the upcoming newsletters.

As always please look us up if you are heading to the Valley and also consider looking at a stay at Lillians on Lovedale, a beautiful homestead for up to 4 people. You can find more information on the page overleaf.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see as many 'old' customers as we can in November.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Bill Sneddon - General Manager/Chief Winemaker

## Diary Dates

**OCTOBER 7** Uncorked Balmoral

@ Balmoral Beach

**OCTOBER 28** Wahrenoona Wine Festival

@ Wahrenoona Park

**NOVEMBER 3 & 4** Taste of the Bay

@ Nelson Bay

**NOVEMBER 24** Allandale Winery 40

Year Celebration! @ Allandale Winery

## Wine Trivia

**QUESTION 1:** Traditionally, what type of French wine is made from the Pinot Noir grape?

**QUESTION 2:** Which wine is sometimes opened with a sword?

**QUESTION 3:** Name the Greek god of wine.

**QUESTION 4:** With almost 53,000 acres in 2015, which is the most widely planted white grape in Australia?

## Alex's Featured Wine

### 2017 Winemaker's Reserve Chardonnay HUNTER VALLEY

We are proud to introduce to you our latest Winemaker's Reserve release: a true 'old school' style Chardonnay. As you well know, Allandale Reserve wines are only produced in exceptional years and this small batch of only seven barrels was made from a perfect Hunter Valley vintage.

When you taste this wine you will discover a honeyed pear and fresh melon palate. Twelve months in the finest new French oak adds complex, toasty notes and a smooth textural finish. Enjoy!

**Pairing tip:** Roasted pumpkin ravioli with sage butter.

*Cheers, Alex Woods Winemaker*





# Lovedale LONG LUNCH

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Thank you very much to all our **Wine Club Members** (and those of you who became members on the day) for an amazing weekend. The Lovedale Long Lunch was a really fantastic couple of sunny days with sensational music, good food and of course, a great ambience.

Our VIP area was busy, even more so on Sunday where we hosted many Cub Members who travelled up in our VIP bus from Sydney for the day. Lots of laughs, delicious food, good fun and of course heaps of good wine tasting!

If you didn't make it this year, mark it for next year's calendar: the 3rd weekend in May. We will make you welcome with some nice surprises and, as always, great wine!



## Lillians ON LOVEDALE



## Lillians on Lovedale ... the perfect, relaxing escape

If you're looking for a peaceful and relaxing stay, Lillians on Lovedale is the ideal get-away.

Lillians is a country house on 25 acres in the Hunter Valley, perfect for 2 or 4 people. Built essentially to resemble the original 100-year-old farmhouse that was on the old Lovedale dairy farm, it's spacious open-plan kitchen/dining/living area, two bedrooms and two bathrooms are all furnished in a fresh, simple country style.

It's the perfect place - to completely relax and rejuvenate in total privacy in a stylish country home. Or, if you want to venture out, the famous Hunter Valley wineries restaurants, cafés and golf courses are as close as five minutes away.

More information or bookings can be found on the website [www.lillians.com.au](http://www.lillians.com.au) or call us on 02 4990 6958.

## Allandale's 40 Year Celebration

It is a year of celebrations for Allandale Winery, and a celebration wouldn't be a proper one without a party. We are very excited to invite you to **Allandale's 40 Year Celebration** which will be held at the winery on Saturday 24th November.

The evening will feature a delicious 3-course dinner matched to a fine selection of Allandale wines (some from the museum collection) while enjoying some spectacular music from our guest String Quartet and afterwards, because it's a party, an amazing live band so you can dance through the night.

**Save the date 24th November** and keep an eye on your emails as we will send you more information in the next newsletter.





# July 2018 Club Pack



## 2017 PINOT GRIS GOULBURN VALLEY

Aromas of pear, citrus and a hint of honeysuckle follow through onto the palate. A graceful balance of textures with a clean, fresh finish.

*Serve with Moroccan chicken breast and almond couscous.*

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



## 2017 WINEMAKER'S RESERVE CHARDONNAY HUNTER VALLEY

In this true 'old school' style Chardonnay, discover rich, honeyed stone fruit with hints of fresh melon. Subtle cashew notes add complexity to the textural mouthfeel; an outcome from the finest new French oak.

*Perfect with crab cakes and horseradish cream.*

RRP \$50 bottle/ \$505 doz  
CLUB MEMBERS \$45.50 bottle/ \$429.25 doz



## 2018 ROSÉ HILLTOPS

An elegant classic Southern France style with lifted strawberries and cream aromas combined with fresh red fruit flavours and a refreshing crisp finish.

*Drink it on a sunny afternoon with a sun-dried tomato, fresh mozzarella and arugula pizza.*

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



## 2016 PINOT NOIR TUMBARUMBA

A rich, big and bold style with soft cherries on the nose that follow onto the palate balanced with subtle spice and elegant soft tannins from French oak.

*Enjoy it with a medium spiced Massaman lamb curry.*

RRP \$38 bottle/ \$385 doz  
CLUB MEMBERS \$32.20 bottle/ \$327.25 doz



## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MUDGE

Intense ruby colour with dark fruit and vanilla aromas which follow on to the palate with a plum and chocolate complexity and great length.

*Savour this amazing Cabernet with a roast lamb rack with spring onions, broad beans and goat cheese.*

RRP \$30 bottle/ \$305 doz  
CLUB MEMBERS \$25.25 bottle/ \$259.25 doz



## 2012 'ANNA' DESSERT AGED SEMILLON HUNTER VALLEY

This is a unique dessert wine with beautiful green fresh notes on the nose, mandarin marmalade characters on the palate and a lingering citrus finish that will make dessert time a memorable moment.

*Try it with a delicious Brie cheese platter from Binnorie Dairy.*

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

# JULY ORDER FORM

## WINES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

	RRP per bottle	RRP per dozen	RRP per magnum	bottle	QUANTITY dozen	magnum	TOTAL
<b>SPARKLING</b>							
2017 Sparkling Gewürztraminer <i>Goulburn Valley</i>	\$22	\$225					
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<b>WHITE</b>							
2017 Semillon <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$22	\$225					
2011 Aged Semillon <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$30	\$305					
2017 Chardonnay <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$25	\$255					
2012 Epitome White Blend*	\$17	\$100					
2017 Sauvignon Blanc <i>Orange</i>	\$22	\$225					
2017 Pinot Gris <i>Goulburn Valley</i>	\$22	\$225					
2016 Verdelho <i>Hunter Valley/Rylstone</i>	\$20	\$205					
2017 Verdelho <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$20	\$205					
<b>RED</b>							
2017 Rosé <i>Hilltops</i>	\$25	\$255					
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2017 Lombardo <i>Hilltops</i>	\$20	\$205					
2017 'Tail Wags Dog' <i>Hilltops*</i>	\$17	\$100					
2015 Pinot Noir <i>Tumbarumba</i>	\$38	\$385					
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2016 Tempranillo <i>Hilltops</i>	\$30	\$305					
2015 Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Hilltops</i>	\$30	\$305					
2014 Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Mudgee</i>	\$30	\$305					
2016 Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Mudgee</i>	\$30	\$305					
2015 Shiraz <i>Hilltops</i>	\$30	\$305					
2014 Shiraz <i>Barossa Valley</i>	\$30	\$305					
<b>WINEMAKER'S RESERVE</b>							
2014 Winemaker's Reserve Semillon <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$50	\$505					
2010 Winemaker's Reserve Semillon <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$50	\$505					
2017 Winemaker's Reserve Chardonnay <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$50	\$505	\$100				
2015 Grandfathers Reserve Shiraz <i>Hilltops</i>	\$50	\$505	\$100				
2015 Winemaker's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Mudgee</i>	\$60	\$605	\$120				
2015 Winemaker's Reserve Shiraz <i>Wrattonbully</i>	\$60	\$605	\$120				
<b>DESSERT</b>							
2012 'Anna' Dessert Aged Semillon 500mL <i>Hunter Valley</i>	\$30	\$305					
<b>SPECIAL OFFERS</b>							
<b>6 PACK 2010 WINEMAKER'S RESERVE SEMILLON</b>	n/a	1 x 6pk \$275					
<b>6 PACK 2015 WINEMAKER'S RESERVE WRATTONBULLY SHIRAZ</b>	n/a	1 x 6pk \$320					
<b>2 DOZEN 2012 EPITOME</b>	n/a	2 x doz \$150					
<b>1 YEAR ALLANDALE WINE CLUB SUBSCRIPTION</b>	Prices vary	Prices vary					
<b>GIFT CERTIFICATE</b> (minimum \$20 value)							

\*Wine Club Discount does not apply.

**ROAD FREIGHT RATES PER DOZEN** Newcastle & Sydney \$9 • Elsewhere in Australia \$12  
**Order 3 or more dozen to receive FREIGHT FREE Australia-wide.**

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 / CW

## 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 / /