

Wine Summit Opportunities

Wine retailers are invited to attend a specialist wine show in August, showcasing some of Australia's greatest wine opportunities.

Wines of Distinction will be held at Crown Promenade between 11am and 8pm on 19 August, and includes master classes and wine tastings with winemakers featuring wines from Coldstream Hills, Saltram of Barossa, Devils Lair, Leo Buring, Baileys of Glenrowan, Secret Stone, Seppelt, Castello di Gabbiano, Penfolds, Wolf Blass, Pepperjack, St Huberts, Lindemans, T'Gallant, Wynns, Matua Valley, Rosemount and others.

Masterclasses will cover key trends and interest areas to highlight and focus opportunities to maximise value and interest. Topics include a look at NZ Sauvignon Blanc and emerging white varieties, a tour of Australia's best Shiraz, an examination of whether Cabernet Sauvignon is still king of the reds and a retrospective of 30 years of Penfolds Koonunga Hill. Bookings are essential - to register please go to www.fostersgroup.com or talk to your Foster's representative.

2008 Penfolds Re-Corking Clinics

The 2008 PENFOLDS Re-Corking Clinics begin in August with PENFOLDS winemakers available to assess PENFOLDS wines which are 15 years and older.

Over the last 17 years more than 90,000 bottles of PENFOLDS wines have been inspected by PENFOLDS winemakers to ensure their prolonged cellar development. If necessary wines are opened, tasted, topped up, and re-corked on the spot.

The clinics open in Sydney on August 12 and run in Melbourne at the Langham Hotel on August 20 and 21 and then move to Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane. Places are limited and bookings essential. To register go to: www.penfolds.com.au/clinics

Andrew Caillard MW from Langton's Fine Wine Auctions and author of the definitive guide to cellaring and enjoying PENFOLDS wines - Rewards of Patience - will be available to advise Penfolds owners on the market value of their wine.

PENFOLDS has been producing an impressive array of wines since 1844 and indisputably led the development of Australian fine wine into the modern era. The introduction of PENFOLDS Grange in 1951 forever changed the landscape of Australian fine wine. Since then a series of stand out wines both white and red have been released under the PENFOLDS masthead. www.PENFOLDS.com



Duo Celebrates Exceptional Vintage

To showcase the remarkable 2008 vintage, iconic Riesling producer Leo Buring has released two wines from its Leonay label. Leo Buring will also release new vintage wines from its Clare and Eden Valley core range followed by a new vintage Leopold (Tamar Valley) wine in September.

The 2008 Leo Buring new vintage releases include 2008 Leo Buring DW L17 Leonay High Eden Riesling, 2008 Leo Buring DW L18 Leonay Watervale Riesling, 2008 Leo Buring Eden Valley Riesling, 2008 Leo Buring Clare Valley Riesling and 2008 Leo Buring Leopold Riesling

Leo Buring Winemaker Kym Schroeter said: "It has been over a decade since Leo Buring released two Leonay Rieslings from the same vintage. In 2008 both regions excelled, so two Leonay wines have been produced - 'High Eden' Eden Valley and 'Watervale' Clare Valley."

The 2008 Leo Buring Leonay Riesling reflects the best wines of the vintage and the best assets of each of the Eden Valley and Clare regions. The wines show intensity of fruit flavour with a fine, long, structural acid back bone offering long cellaring potential.

The 2008 Leo Buring Clare Valley and Leo Buring Eden Valley Riesling are made to show regionality and for earlier or immediate consumption. Both wines display a slightly fuller fruit driven style yet still having that fine acid backbone which will aid short to medium term cellaring.



Introducing New Italians

With growing Australian interest in Italian wines Castello di Gabbiano, a 900-year-old winery in the heart of Tuscany's Chianti Classico territory, is releasing seven wines.

The Castello di Gabbiano release includes three entry level wines Gabbiano Rose, Gabbiano Pinot Grigio and Gabbiano Chianti; the internationally renowned Chianti Classico; a pinnacle regional wine Chianti Classico Riserva and two Super Tuscans Alleanza and Bellezza.

Established in 1124, Castello di Gabbiano crowns the rolling hills of the winery and is a monument to 900 years of winemaking. Gabbiano also produces award winning olive oil from the estate's olive groves.

The release is part of a national program customised for on and off premise retailers. Off premise retailers can access point of sale kits and stunning antipasto boards as a gift with purchase.

Ivano Reali, Castello di Gabbiano managing director, will tour Australia in August and hold a masterclass for national wine journalists. For further information talk to your Foster's representative.