

# OFF THE VINE

SPRING 2013



TWO RIVERS

HUNTER VALLEY

## HOORAY FOR SPRING



We have been enjoying some wonderful sunny days here on the vineyard and bud burst is showing that Spring is just around the corner. It's a magical time for us, icy mornings clearing into glorious sunshine and warmth promising the rewards of the coming months.

Brett took this great photo one frosty morning after a night of irrigating and it was an instant hit on facebook. We love getting to know our members so please join us at facebook/tworiverswines.

*Linda Keeping*

## AWARDS ABOUND

Two Rivers is having a stellar year on the Wine Show circuit. Our **2012 Reserve Chardonnay** has won Top Gold (56/60) at the **Cowra Wine Show**. This superb wine has lovely subtle oak maturation and is a favourite with our Off the Vine Club Members. It is in limited supply, so get into the Cellar Door before it all goes.

**Winestate Magazine** conducted a tasting in July with some brilliant results for our wines.

- 5 Stars - 2013 Stones Throw Semillon
- 4 ½ Stars - 2012 Lightning Strike Chardonnay

The **2013 Stones Throw Semillon** and **2012 Lightning Strike Chardonnay** have also been nominated as 'Wine of the Year' finalists, which is fantastic news - results should be announced soon.

At the prestigious **Hunter Valley Wine Show**, described by many as the country's leading regional wine show, Two Rivers took out the only gold medal and ultimately went on to win the **JY (Jay) Tulloch Trophy for Current Vintage Verdelho** for our **2013 Hidden Hive Verdelho**.

It was an understandably proud moment for Brett and Linda who were on hand to collect the trophy. It was particularly rewarding for them to receive this Trophy from Hunter Legend Jay Tulloch.

The Hidden Hive Verdelho has been a consistent performer for us in the past winning numerous awards and accolades. The 2013 Hidden Hive Verdelho is available for tastings and purchase at the Cellar Door.



*Pictured with the haul of trophies for the 2013 Hidden Hive Verdelho are Steve Kendall, Ross Pitts, Linda Keeping, Steve Pavlovic and Brett Keeping*

## 25TH CELEBRATIONS

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, 2013 marks a very special milestone for us here at Two Rivers. Twenty five years in the Hunter Valley producing award winning wines, making some fantastic friends and learning a thing or two along the



way is something of which we are justifiably proud. Along with our earlier party at the Upper Hunter Wine and Food Affair in May, we took some time out recently to celebrate with our staff. Pictured are our wonderful team enjoying a cuppa and some of Linda's famous chocolate cake.

## RADIO STAR

Our very own Linda Keeping was a total natural on local radio station PowerFM recently. Linda is pictured here with head jock Billy in the main street of Denman discussing the upcoming Peter Byrne concert.



## HALLIDAY'S REVIEW

James Halliday (revered as THE guru of the Australian wine industry) produces a definitive annual "*James Halliday Wine Companion*" which has recently been released.

Two Rivers Wines featured in the "2014 Wine Companion" are:

### 2012 Stones Throw Semillon



Rating 94 points, "exceptional value"

### 2012 Reserve Chardonnay



Rating 93 points, "a startlingly incisive Chardonnay"

### 2012 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc



Rating 90 points, "a seamless river of lemongrass, citrus and passionfruit aromas and flavours; the palate has excellent length"

### 2012 Hidden Hive Verdelho



Rating 89 points, "at the lemon juice end of the spectrum, which intensified the flavours and draws out the finish"

## TAKE ME TO THE RIVERS



The team at Sowter's Transport have long been supporters and friends of Two Rivers Wines. We were excited to work together with them on the curtains for their brand new truck and spread the good news of Two Rivers Wines right across the country.

## HELLO PINOT GRIGIO

We have a new and exciting addition to our range of wines – The Two Rivers Pinot Grigio. The wine is a classic Pinot Grigio style, pale straw in colour with aromas of ripe pear and musk. These lovely characters flow through to the palate along with honeydew and a racy acid finish. Do yourself a favour and come in and try this wine in the Cellar Door. It goes beautifully with seafood, light pasta and cheese cracker combinations. Just in time for the warmer months.



## NEW HAMPERS

We have some lovely new hampers available in the Cellar Door. Arriving in their own special cooler bag emblazoned with Two Rivers, make your choice of between two and six wines and add in some of our delectable treats from the Cellar Door.

*Stella - our office & admin manager and hamper model*

## MEMBER'S RECIPE

### BBQ mediterranean lamb

#### Ingredients:

Leg of lamb (butterflied)  
Extra virgin olive oil  
Rosemary (2 tbsp)  
Garlic (2-3 cloves)  
White Wine (1/4 cup)  
Maldon Salt (1 tspn)  
Cracked Pepper  
Squeeze of lemon  
Roasting Rack



Butterfly the lamb and score both sides. Mix together the olive oil, (about 3-4 tablespoons) and shred the rosemary into the oil. Crush garlic and add a squeeze of lemon, white wine, (Two Rivers Semillon is perfect for this), salt and pepper. Place the lamb in a container, add the marinade and massage the mix. Place in the fridge for at least an hour, or if you have time overnight. Heat the BBQ grill on high for 10 minutes then turn to low to medium. Place the lamb onto a rack and then onto the grill, or just onto the grill, add a drizzle of oil over the lamb and leave to cook for 30 minutes, turn over and cook for the same time on the other side. Don't be tempted to increase the heat as this is a slow cooking method! When it's firm but springy take it off the grill, cover and rest for about 5-10 minutes, slice it and serve with your favourite roasted veggies and a bottle of Two Rivers Thunderbolt Shiraz. Kindly sent in to us by one of our long time loyal club members, Ross Yarranton who is a BBQ legend. Check out his website at [www.barbitec.com](http://www.barbitec.com).

If you can't come to us, we can come to you. Visit [tworivers.com.au](http://tworivers.com.au), order your wine and say hello to our wines at your house the next day.

## FOR THE DIARY

### September 14 - Rock'n at the Rivers 11am - 4pm

Two Rivers loves to support the Denman Children's centre with their annual Fundraiser which is a fabulous day out for the whole family. Enjoy listening to the sounds of local bands whilst you relax and soak up the friendly country atmosphere that this day has become renowned for.

### November 9 - Peter Byrne plays live at Two Rivers

International singer and creator of Australia's greatest Neil Diamond tribute show, Peter Byrne is one of the most talented and versatile performers in the country. If you are looking for a spectacular night's entertainment, Peter Byrne's 'Forever Diamond Show' will guarantee to have you singing, dancing and clapping all night.



It's 40 years since the release of Neil Diamond's Hot August Night album, so break out the flares, don the body shirts and join us for a night to remember.

**Tickets are available by calling the cellar door or by visiting [www.tworivers.com.au](http://www.tworivers.com.au).**

## FROM THE VINEYARD

Two Rivers recently completed a rigorous environmental audit to become a fully certified member of Entwine Australia, the wine industry's national environmental assurance program. Entwine provides Australian winemakers and wine grape growers with formal certification of their environmental practices in accordance with recognised international standards.



We are very committed to sustainable viticulture practices and are proud to be part of this program. A rewarding result.