



GISBORNE PEAK

WINERY

Newsletter March 2020

We live in interesting times and none more so than this week. However, we are all in it together and life will go on, helped with some good humour, some excellent wine and gorgeous views. As I write this I'm looking at autumn colour in the surrounding trees, the grapes have gotten some colour and the nets are on. Frustrated birds, but.... Grapes one, Birds Zero.

We have put our thinking hats on and come up with what we think are a few good ideas so that you can continue to enjoy wood-fired pizza and wine, enjoy a wine tasting but at 'arms length', enjoy our beautiful grounds for a picnic and implement new seating arrangements in the Fireside Room and Verandas.

Drive Thru Pizza & Wine Service and Picnic Facilities

Hours: Daily 12 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 12 pm – 7:30 pm

(Phone orders only, take-away only after 6:00 pm)

Still want one of our delicious wood-fired pizzas and an excellent bottle of our wine but do not want to sit inside? Fear not... we are now offering a phone in, drive through pick up service of pizza and wine to take away. You can even bring along a blanket or picnic rug and enjoy your pizza and wine on the



winery grounds. We have designated certain areas for you to spread your blanket and enjoy the beautiful autumn colour. AND, we are DOG FRIENDLY too, so bring your four legged friend along, leash required. Please phone for details.

Phone (03) 5428 2228
or 0432 185 009

1. **The cost is \$50 and you get two pizzas of your choice and a bottle of wine of your choice.** Two plastic wine glasses are included
2. **Upgrade to \$60 to include a bottle of our Premium Sparkling Pinot Noir**
3. **Upgrade for \$10 and get two GPW etched wine glasses to keep.**

Pizza Choices: (no changes, no gluten free available): See full description of pizzas on our website.

1. Tuscan (Calabrese, roasted capsicum, Kalamatta olives & red onion)
2. Ham & Cheese (Virginia Ham and cheese)
3. BBQ Chicken (Roasted Chicken, BBQ sauce, red onion)
4. Roast Pumpkin Vegetarian (Baby spinach, char grilled Pumpkin, semi-dried tomatoes)

Wines Available:

1. Sparkling White
2. Semillon, (Classic Dry White)
3. Riesling
4. Chardonnay Unwooded
5. Chardonnay Premium
6. Pinot Noir
7. Shiraz
8. Sparkling Pinot Noir (\$10 extra)

Order your pizza by phone and drive through for pick up or park your car and picnic here. Have a credit card ready when ordering and we will process it prior to your arrival to avoid extra handling.

EXTRAS AVAILABLE at special prices:

Additional Pizzas: \$12.50,

Additional Bottle of Wine: \$20. (Sparkling Pinot Noir \$30)

Soft Drink: \$4.00 Coke, Coke no Sugar, Fanta, Sprite, Solo or Flavoured Mineral Waters.

PLEASE; if you picnic here, or anywhere, TAKE YOUR RUBBISH WITH YOU! We appreciate it. We can direct you to our designated picnic areas.

Children must be supervised at all times.

New Wine Tasting Experience

Come in and enjoy a **Complimentary tasting of OUR 4 favourite wines** served to your table including Tasting Notes. Choose YOUR favourite to have with one of our delicious wood fired pizzas, Taster's Platter, baked brie or beer battered flathead tails.

Choose to dine in our spacious Fireside Room, veranda or on our large open air deck, forecourt or on the Lawn overlooking our Dam. Gisborne Peak Winery offers lots of open space, alfresco and outdoor dining, great food and wine and friendly staff.

We have removed half of our tables and chairs to ensure safe 'social distancing' at all times.

We have also put tables and chairs around our dams so you can enjoy the autumn ambiance of the vineyard.

(Tastings are no longer conducted over the cellar door bar due to patron and staff safety)

Wines on Tasting are:



Riesling

2018 Chardonnay

Rose

Pinot Noir

Due to the limited number of indoors seats we ask that you phone to make a booking on 5428 2228.

New seating arrangements for inside Dining.

For the safety and comfort of our patrons and staff, we have reduced our seating capacity by removing tables and chairs inside our Fireside Room and Veranda. We are using alternate tables on the deck. We have also set our marquee with individual tables for use and this room offers the flexibility of open sides for plenty of fresh air flow. This new seating arrangement ensures your 'social distance' from other patrons.

We have plenty of room on the property as well. If the weather permits, why not bring along a picnic blanket or rug and enjoy your food and

Pet of the Week
'Cooper'



wines in the vines. We have designated areas for picnics and the views are beautiful. We are also Dog Friendly so bring along your four legged friend.

Due to limited seating we ask that you phone to ensure that we save a table for you. T. 5428 2228

Special Lunch Deal, dine in only

Let's not leave all of the good deals to people driving through. If dining in we are offering you:

- FREE order of Garlic or Cheesy Garlic Bread per table
- And, 10% off all wines purchased by the bottle for consuming on-site or take-away.

Everyone loves a good garlic bread and ours is really good – cooked in the wood-fired oven and even better, ask for Cheesy Garlic Bread using Parmesan Cheese.

Safety Measures

We encourage you to continue to support the winery and keep our lovely casual employees in work and the economy moving. We have implemented some initiatives to ensure your safety and that of our staff:

- Increased frequency of disinfectant wipe downs of all tables, counters, door handles
- Sanitisers placed throughout the venue
- Ensuring our staff regularly and thoroughly wash and disinfect their hands
- Refraining from hand shaking and unnecessary physical contact
- Not coming to work if they are in any way unwell

'In the Vines' with Bob

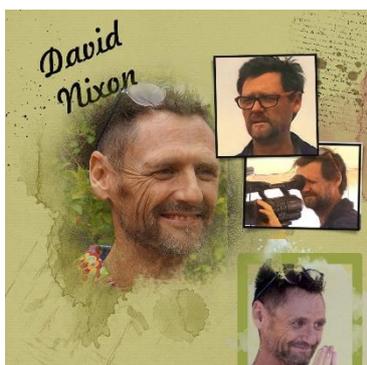
Autumn is here, the most lovely time of the year at GPW for a number of reasons. First we are fast approaching the moment when we get the grapes off and the wine-making process begins. Second the weather is usually kind and gentle and a chance for the grapes to slowly ripen, sunny days and cool nights. Third the nets are on and my stress levels go down, bird damage is now minimised and fourth it's the time when I can go into the vines every day testing the sugar levels and assessing flavour and approaching ripeness. The volume of the crop looks to be a bit down on 2019 but as usual for GPW the quality looks great. Yesterday I killed off my first European wasp nest and I'm on the constant search for any more, last year we destroyed 4 I think and the appearance of

this nest only yesterday is much later than usual, I'm hoping it's a sign of fewer to come.



There is a great satisfaction of shepherding the crop through a season to a successful harvest. The 2020 will be a special one in my mind as both the summer weather was against us yet the fruit looks good and my time in the vines was severely disrupted by my absences as my son fought his last fight against his terminal cancer. Some of his ashes will forever reside in the vineyard.

VALE: David Nixon 1966 - 2020



Farewell to Natalie

Our lovely Natalie has been with us almost six-years now and I suppose that all good things must come to an end at some point.

Natalie and her husband Dean are off to Far North Queensland to co-manage a relative's café in Proserpine.

We wish Natalie and Dean all the best! She leaves behind colleagues and patrons who she now considers friends and lots of good memories of all the staff, busy Sunday's, tired feet and the constant smell of onions and tomato pizza sauce. She was in charge of our groups who came again and again because of her and she also ordered all of our merchandise, with great care, flair and taste.

Natalie's last day is Tuesday, 31 March.

With Natalie's departure we now welcome new staff Cheryl and Linda as well as recognising our current and loyal staff Leith, Lynn, Sue, Karen & Daniel and our loyal casuals.

Reduced Opening Hours (temporary)

In an attempt to continue to employ our staff, stay open for business yet cut expenses we have reduced our opening hours.

Effective Immediately:

Monday – Friday: Open 12:00, Close 3:30

Saturday and Sunday: Open 11:30, Close 4:00

Don't forget, you can still drive through until 7:30 and picnic until 6:00 on the grounds. We thank you for your cooperation in these slightly reduced hours.

**Bob, Barbara,
Natalie and the
GPW Team**



