

TOBIN NEWS

NEW RELEASES COMING UP

2007 *Charlotte* Rosé:

- Named in honour of our fourth granddaughter Charlotte Rose.
- Gorgeous pink colour, intense floral nose of rose petals & raspberry.
- Confectionary & berry flavours with a lovely soft acid to finish.

2007 *Lily* Chardonnay

- Newest wine to be take the name of our second granddaughter Lily
- Lovely tropical fruit aromas of fig & rockmelon. Grapefruit & peach flavours with a zippy citrus twist.

2007 *Isabella* Semillon

- The newest wine to take the name of our oldest granddaughter Isabella
- Floral aromas, Granny Smith Apples, Honeysuckle, zippy citrus, stone fruit crisp acid finish

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VINEYARD AND WINERY

Vintage is over and all the wines have been made... the white wines are being readied to bottle in the next month or so; and the red wines are settling before making their way into oak barrels for ageing.

We have had a very mixed season weather-wise with two late frosts, one in October and another in November. We also had a snowfall in November here in the Granite Belt.

As a result the Season has been much cooler, which means the grapes ripen more slowly and develop a greater intensity of flavour. As a result we have some intense white wines and some colossal red wines.

The Semillon 2007 is an exceptional wine, with all the other whites showing very good varietal flavours and characters; while the 2007 Shiraz and Merlot are beautiful reds, with intense colours and flavours and velvety tannins.

FEATURED GRAPE VARIETY

TEMPRANILLO is a Spanish variety, and is Spain's most widely planted top quality wine grape of the Rioja and Ribera del Duero regions.

The name comes from temprano, meaning 'early' which is when it ripens. Tempranillo is the main component of Ribera del Duero where it is known simply as Tinto Fino, 'the fine dark one'. In Rioja it is commonly blended with Garnacha (Grenache).

In Portugal it is known as Tinta Roriz and as Valdepenas in California. It is also grown in Argentina, and now Australia.

While not yet common, at last count, about 100 of the 2,500 vineyards in Australia have now planted Tempranillo. Here in the Granite Belt there are 5 or 6 vineyards with Tempranillo; and at present appears to suit the climate. There are some fine examples of Tempranillo now available.

Wine made from Tempranillo is high in tannins and acidity but not necessarily high in alcohol, and a good sample will cellar for years.

Our TOBIN 2006 Tempranillo is an interesting light red, with wonderful savoury characters, soft tannins and dark cherry with a hint of raspberry on the finish.

HOW GOOD IS YOUR WINE KNOWLEDGE?

Do you know that in Australia we tend to drink our Red wines too hot and our White wines too cold?

Because present day Australian Reds are considerably alcoholic, at room temperatures the first sensation is a blast of hot alcohol. This interferes with taste receptors and masks the true quality of the flavours and lessens the enjoyment.

Depending on room temperature, 10-20 minutes in the refrigerator will really enhance the enjoyment of red wine.

Conversely, with Whites we tend to put them in the refrigerator (4 degrees)... at that temperature all of the delicate, volatile and aromatic flavours are locked in the wine. Take them out of the refrigerator 30 minutes or so before drinking and the flavours will really open up and you will be enjoying them at their best.

The principles are simple-

- The cooler the wine the less it will smell (i.e. release those delicate aromatic flavours)
- The warmer the wine the more it will smell
- Low temperatures will emphasise acidity and tannins
- High temperatures will minimize them

Some indicative temperatures for enjoying wines-

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| • Sparkling whites, light sweet whites | 6-10deg C |
| • Light, medium and full dry whites | 8-10deg C |
| • Light, medium reds and rose | 12-16deg C |
| • Full and tannic reds | 15-18deg C |

GARRY TOBIN KNOWS TOBIN FAMILY HISTORY LIKE NO ONE I KNOW...AND HE IS WILLING TO SHARE IT WITH US...THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY, GARRY!

I am Garry Tobin from Glen Innes in NSW; married to Susan and we have 7 children (all grown up now). I have been researching the Tobin family history for over forty years. Susan and I have been to Ireland twice to visit some of the old family places of interest and to perform research at the Dublin Library. My father was Andrew Tobin and he also was a keen family historian.

Our Tobins come from Cork in Ireland. Great great grandfather was James Tobin and he was born in Co Cork in 1805. He married Margaret McGrath in 1826 in the RC Cathedral in Cork City. They had a son John born in 1827. James was a Leather Dresser/Tanner and worked in Cork City. Just a few months before their daughter Mary was born, James Tobin was involved in a Trade Union dispute in Cork City. As a result of this he was convicted and sentenced to transportation for life to NSW. He was sent to Bathurst to work on the property called Blackdown. In 1837 he gained his Ticket-of-Leave and in January 1839 his wife Margaret and their two children were re-united with him.

James worked about 25 Km out of Bathurst producing lime in a kilns for the building of the new town. This place became known as the Lime Kilns (Limekilns). James and Margaret had two more children that survived infancy, viz Alice Frances and my great grandfather Thomas James Tobias Tobin born in 1841.

James' son John Tobin built a hotel at Limekilns in 1852. This eventually was owned by his younger brother Thomas and became known as the Rising Sun Hotel. Although no longer operating as a hotel, this building is still owned by one of the Tobins to this day.

James and Margaret Tobin had about 34 grandchildren and the descendants of these are in many places of Australia and overseas today. They have been involved in a variety of pursuits including raising families. Farming, various trades and engineering roles, police, nursing, teaching, mining, law, finance and many others. One descendant was the NSW Crown Prosecutor; others have been involved in an array of creative endeavours.

The Cork Tobins are an offshoot of the original Kilkenny Tobins in Ireland. They had moved to Cork from Tipperary and Kilkenny probably around the 18th Century. The first record of a Tobin in Ireland is about 1200 AD in Kilkenny.

The early Tobins were an influential lot and at times were also recorded as being a bit aggressive:

"In the 14th century the Tobins were a turbulent sept more dreaded by the English settlers than the native Irish". The Annals of Ireland by Friar John Clyn, 1333-1349

The Tobins had their own coat of arms with their motto. The coat of arms includes a blue background with three oak leaves on it. The motto of the Tobin family was "noli me tangere". The literal translation of this is "Touch me not". One could take a loose translation as "Beware of injuring me"!

The Tobins had originally come from St Aubyn in Brittany, France. Hence for many centuries in Ireland they were referred to as "de St Aubyn". This name evolved to St Aubyn, D'Aubyn, Taubin and eventually Tobin.

I would be more than happy for any Tobins to make contact with us here at Glen Innes.

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"de St Aubyn"

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THANK-YOU FELLOW TOBINS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

We have had an amazing number of letters, e-mails, phone calls from Tobins all over Australia. Numbers of Tobins have visited the Cellar Door on their respective travels.

A lot interested in their Family history and eager to learn more, and those with stories of their families and their achievements.

We would like to print as many Tobin stories as we can, however there is only so much space in each issue. We will select some Tobin stories for each issue, so do not despair...your turn will come! My Tobin files are bulging with information.

TOBINS MAKE IT HAPPEN

‘RED ADAIR OF THE IT INDUSTRY’

‘ONE OF BRITAIN’S TOP 50 ENTREPRENEURS’

MIKE TOBIN, based in the UK, and CEO of top IT Company TelecityRedbus, implemented a plan to turn a loss making Company into a giant of the IT Industry. Mike was responsible for 1000 per cent growth in the share price, between joining and taking the Company private.

TelecityRedbus was named as the best International turnaround of the Year 2005. Mike says his success comes down to having the courage and willingness to believe in his ‘gut feelings’ and act upon them; but quickly adds that you need quality people to do the job and have total confidence in them. Hierarchy does not exist in the Company, both the CEO and the Cleaner have a job to do, and each is dependent on the other...that is how I run my business.

The TelecityRedbus building in London is probably the most connected place on earth, says Mike, with 92 per cent of Britain’s Internet traffic following through it. With the recent acquisition of Globix Corporation, TelecityRedbus is now one of Europe’s most advanced data centre networks; with 19 data centres across seven European countries. Congratulations, Mike.

A TOBIN WRITER

A Tobin by marriage, Victorian writer, Meryl Brown Tobin writes how delighted she and her family were to read our first issue of Tobin News. Her travel book, Exploring Outback Australia, whose photographs were supplied by her husband, Hartley Tobin, was published by Kangaroo Press and taken up by Doubleday Book Club, and her four children's puzzle books published by Ashton Scholastic sold well over a quarter of a million copies here and overseas.

Leading publishing Companies along with her own small publishing house, Ningan Publishing, have published her black-line masters of educational puzzles which are valued by primary and secondary English and Social Studies teachers and pupils. She has also published a children's picture book, LEFTY, about a left-handed boy, and a collection of her poems.

Her latest project was a 200 page anthology showcasing the poetry and prose of 47 members of The Society of Women Writers Victoria Inc. She co-ordinated the work, and, with Asther Bacuña Creo, co-edited it. Meryl has offered to sell books with her Tobin name on them at special rates to any Tobins who are interested.

If interested, email hmtobin@dcsi.net.au for a list of books still available

I AM A KILKENNY TOBIN

Quite a number of you who are interested in the Tobin lineage, have enquired about mine. I am in the line of Tobins out of County Kilkenny; where the first recorded Tobin was William Tobin in about the year 1200.

It is interesting how the Christian names keep on being used through the generations...my great grandfather was William Henry and my father was Henry William, and a lot of Williams prior to that!

SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE OPENING 1932

The 75th Anniversary of the Sydney Harbour Bridge was celebrated on 18th March this year. My Father and Grandfather attended the opening; my Grandfather was a Blacksmith and was fascinated by the fact that some 53,000 tons of steel were used in the structure, as well as some 6 million rivets as fixings, hence his interest in the bridge. My father was a young man at the time, and together they drove in an Essex Tourer from Central Queensland to Sydney for the event, which would have been a feat in itself. I am sure there may have been other Tobins at the event as well.



Come to our cellar door and enjoy a wine and a chat!