



## Petaluma Wines

Petaluma is widely regarded as Australia's pre-eminent producer of vineyard-specific premium table and sparkling wines. Petaluma was established by Brian Croser in 1976 and the House of Bollinger has been a major shareholder since 1985.

Petaluma wines are the result of defined production that involve several vineyard regions in South Australia:

They are:

- the Clare Valley where grapes are sourced for the production of Petaluma riesling;
- the Piccadilly Valley, adjacent to Mount Lofty, where pinot noir and chardonnay grapes are grown for the production of Petaluma chardonnay and Croser methode champenoise;
- Coonawarra, a mature vineyard for the production of Petaluma Coonawarra, a cabernet sauvignon and merlot-based wine;
- Sharefarmers Vineyard, Coonawarra provides grapes for Bridgewater Mill sauvignon blanc and chardonnay and Sharefarmers cabernet, malbec and merlot-based wines.

In 1984 Petaluma produced its first sparkling wine from Piccadilly Valley fruit and purchased the historic Bridgewater Mill, built in 1860. In 1986 Petaluma released a range of wines under the Bridgewater Mill label, in 1992 purchased Tim Knapstein Wines and in 1994, purchased Mitchelton Wines.

**1986 Petaluma Riesling:** intense lychee, nashi pear and tropical fruit aromas are matched by a sweet fruit palate and a

dry lingering finish. An exceptional wine.

**1995 Petaluma Coonawarra:** 1995 was another excellent merlot vintage and the cabernet sauvignon performed very well, aged in new Nevers oak barriques for 18 months prior to bottling. 1995 was an extremely small vintage in Coonawarra.

**1996 Petaluma Chardonnay:** aromas and flavours of ripe peach and nectarine overlaid with smoky oak. Typical of Piccadilly Valley chardonnay of a very good riping year.

**1995 Croser:** 80% pinot noir and 20% chardonnay grapes for a high quality Australian sparkling wine. Two years on yeast lees in the cellar of the Bridgewater Mill have produced complexity and added texture to this, the eleventh vintage of Croser.

**1995 Bridgewater Mill Shiraz:** matured in French oak barriques for two years prior to bottling. Exotic spices and berry fruits combine to make 1995 Mill Shiraz one of the best.

**1996 Bridgewater Mill Sauvignon Blanc:** owes the core of its tropical fruit zest to sauvignon blanc grapes from the Sharefarmers Vineyard in Coonawarra; one of Australia's best of style.

**1995 Sharefarmers Red:** composed of 55% cabernet sauvignon and 45% malbec and was matured in french oak barriques for 18 months. An elegant, spicy and cedary style which has become the hallmark of the Sharefarmers Vineyard.

*The Petaluma range of wines will be available at a special members' price for October.*

## From the Chief Justice

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attempted to put the record straight, and for that I thank you. But it is a very hard job with an unsympathetic executive and unintelligent press determined to push a line regardless of the damage which may be caused to one of the constitutional foundations of our society. Fair criticism can be accepted and used to advantage. The other cannot. Populist views espoused for short term advantage without regard to the consequences for the longer term stability of the judiciary is to be condemned. It has the potential to deprive the community of one of the linchpins of stable democratic society.

I am presently investigating how the court might better represent itself to the community and protect its legitimate interests. In other jurisdictions courts have found it necessary to take on full-time media liaison officers. I am not convinced that it is necessary here, yet, but certainly the court needs advice as to how it can better represent itself in the public forum in a proper, measured and responsible way.

But I have gone on quite long enough. There are any number of issues which no doubt occur to you which are of significance in this day and age for the environment in which we try and practice the law, but these matters are not confined to the Territory, nor indeed to Australia. Last weekend I was at the meeting in Sydney of Asia-Pacific courts and court administrators, involving chief justices and judges from a number of nations to our north and in the Pacific. The sorts of problems that I have talked about are not uncommon and it is undoubtedly time for us to all get back to basics.

In that vein, I am reminded of the experience of one of the delegates at the conference who took the opportunity to go to Taronga Park Zoo during a day off. As he was walking around the zoo, he became conscious that sitting on a bench nearby was a sizeable monkey and on approaching, he saw that it had a book in each hand and appeared to be studying it. Closer still, and he recognised that in one hand was the Bible and in the other, Darwin's *Origin of the Species*. Assuming that the monkey must be literate, he enquired as to why he was reading those particular books. The monkey looked at him, put his head to one side and said, "I want to solve one of the imponderables of life – am I my brother's keeper?"

That's it. Thank you."