

2012 First Hand Comments



Hi Lozz,

Thanks for taking the time to show us around your beautiful winery. Ben is a massive fan of your wine and loved hearing all the details on how it all comes together. Everyone was so warm and friendly and it was one of the highlights of our trip.

Cheers,

Jamie (Ben & Cooper), QLD

....It was the most astounding experience for me and our crew and they now want to go on tour annually!! I cannot begin to thank you enough for the generosity of your time with Russell and the Human Dynamo and for a superb lunch. We will now be loyal converts to the “shake” and will call in again when we come back.

Thank you again.

Kerry Hayes, Emerald, QLD

Hello Sarah,

We just got home from the wonderful dinner event you helped sponsored for Providence in Washington. I didn't get a chance to thank you personally because we had to hurry home to our kids. But I wanted to say, this is the first time (EVER) that I could drink an entire glass without turning embarrassingly red or getting an itchy rash. I had long sworn off alcohol because it was just to embarrassing. I'm so glad I got to listen to you talk about your wines! Btw, I went to your website, you don't ship to WA. When will that change? I would love to order the boxer.

Much love,

Jean Wu, WA



Hi Anita!

I hope you are doing well. I got in my art work today and ran out and got it framed! I haven't figured out where to place it yet so for now I just leaned it on fireplace to get you a picture! Thanks again for your help! If you guys decide to make any more of your art work into a print please let me know!

-Chad Staten, Nashville, TN

Just a quick note. Lest you think that some of the wines you created under various labels are no longer around, the attached proves otherwise (if you look in my cellar). I had the Stella's Garden, Shirvington '04 and '07 Blue Eyed Boy as part of the celebration of my 60th birthday the week before last. All were fantastic, showing no sign of deterioration. I'm happy to report I still have more of all of them (it would be fun to have

them with you). The 2010's were the warm-ups. I thought about having some '02 S-2, S-9 or Shirvington Shiraz as well, but there weren't as many people to help drink them as I thought might be around. I hope all is well with all of you.

- Jon Mellitz, USA

Dear Ralph,

Many thanks for sending those samples of Mollydooker 'Two Left Feet' and 'The Boxer' over to the UK for me to try. One word: "Wow!". It's exceptional. Such a wonderful vigour and taste. A real wine for all occasions. I truly feel this wine would do exceptionally well in the UK if enough people got to experience it. As always, I'm here to help in any way I can. Kindest personal regards and thanks. I'm a big fan!

- Richard Beck, Managing Director, Supernova Entertainment Ltd, UK



Hello! This may be an odd question but we were hoping to see if we could purchase a Mollydooker wine crate box. We love your wine and named our little boxer Mollydooker, inspired by your "The Boxer" which we first started drinking when we lived in Southern California. It was the perfect name for her for a few reasons -- she plays and boxes with her left paw primarily and she has a very wiggly rear, which we like to call her Mollydooker "shake". In addition, we had decided that this would be a great name and when we came across our dog in a rescue organization, her name was already Molly! It was meant to be.... We'd like to acquire a wooden crate that says Mollydooker to turn into a raised feeder for her....

Best regards,
Rashmi, Nikunj, and Molly(Dooker), USA

We were so thrilled to be able to visit Mollydooker, especially after just ringing up 2 hours before our visit. Our expectations were low since it was so last minute. We had just literally flown from San Francisco through Sydney to Adelaide. By the time we showed up to the winery we had been traveling for more than 24 hours! We only stopped at the hotel to check in and drop off our luggage. We had the front desk call you to see if we could just "pop in" for a brief visit. Imagine our surprise when we were greeted by Russ, and then spent nearly 2 hours with him on a private tour of the vineyard and winery.... We enjoyed the visit so much that the long journey to Australia would have been worth it even if it was our only stop!

Cheers,
Mollydooker Mate, San Francisco, CA

Hi, we had another "new to us" Mollydooker wine last night, The Maitre D. It was so good, we had to drop you a line. We had the Carnival of Love a little while ago and were then gifted a bottle of the Boxer. They were amazing too. We then found a goldmine in the state of North Dakota at Happy Harry's Bottle Shop and managed to pick up some more COL's, some Blue Eyed Boys, some more Boxers, some Two Left Feet, and The Maitre D mentioned above. Still on the lookout for a Velvet Glove to try, but can't imagine it being much better than the COL. They all have amazing fruit and weight to them, just simply lip smackingly good. I don't know how you do it but please keep it up....Happy Harry's was considerably more cost effective but is a 5 hour drive away. Over the years our favourite wine has always been Australian Shiraz. We like it so much we came to the Vintage Festival in 2009 but had never heard of Mollydooker at that time, so now were disappointed we didn't stop in. Next time we go over we'll correct that oversight though.

Thanks,
Steve & Laura, Canada



Thank you so much Anita...I am soooo excited to share this with my husband. It has been one hell of a year. This Sunday, we're celebrating our first year of marriage (we've been together for a while but only just got married on June 3, 2011) - and we've had Mollydooker at all of our special events together (every New Year's Eve, engagement (check out the photo), birthdays, wedding) in fact our wedding beach bags we gave out to people at our wedding in Mexico had one of the quotes from "Carnival of Love" printed on it ;)

- Amy and George, Gold Coast, QLD, Australia

Mollydooker is one of those quirky wineries which screams out for your attention - whether it is the website, the story, the label or the juice itself...

- Ian Butler, Surrey, UK



We love your wines! Here's a photo for your collection...

-Mike and Megan, San Diego, CA

Sparky,
Wanted to express our gratitude To You, Russell & Everyone at Mollydooker for giving us such a memorable visit. Hope we get a chance to extend the same hospitality on your next travels thru Miami. Was very tempted by Russell's suggestion to open up that lovely bottle of "Velvet Glove" in front of Uluru , but will share the treasure next time we meet up with JC & Vivian.

Thanks again,
Anil Patel, Miami, FL

We just returned from a fun week in South Australia. Sophie and I were gratified at the hospitality of the Mollydooker team. Russ gave us a great tour on short notice. We enjoyed the Mollydooker wines at dinner that night and the following night. They were great matchups with food.

Thanks again!
- Steve & Sophie Kelley

Thank you so much for the tour and lunch on Monday. Even though it was a miserable day, we really enjoyed the experience and learnt just so much of the new techniques and technologies involved in wine making. Russell did a fantastic job. And please convey our thanks to whoever put the lunch together - it was just so perfect for your wines. When speaking to friends already about our day, they were so interested and eager to hear all about the experience. We will certainly steer them your way when they want to book in. Again many thanks for helping make Barbara's 60th birthday a little more special for her.

-John & Barbara Harris, Black Forest, SA

Sarah and Sparky,

Firstly thank you both so much for your time last week. The day really had a big impact on me and I have been thinking a lot about some of the things you both shared with us. Your commitment to sharing your blessings and your decision to share them with Hutt St Centre and the people we work with is inspiring and valued by us. I have always been interested in the things that inspire and motivate others. Not from a fundraising perspective but just from an interest in what makes people tick. What moves them? These things shape the world and have the potential to change it. I guess it does help me in my role to understand what people do what they do. But it also helps me understand some of the things our clients do or the way they live. It was great to hear what drives you and to understand why you have made a commitment to Hutt St Centre. You are both very inspiring people. The character of your staff and their loyalty to you and the company reflects a great culture at Mollydooker. It was great to have an inside look at the winery. Loz welcomed us with warmth and friendship and Russell was brilliant throughout the tour. Please thank them on our behalf. To sit down to a magnificent lunch with you and Janet with produce from your garden, wine from your vineyard and hearty conversation topped off a fantastic day. Thank you so much for your hospitality and generosity. Michelle, Sarah and I loved the time we spent at Mollydooker.

Thanks too for inspiring me,
Danielle Bayard, Adelaide, SA

I thought you both would be interested in the wine tasting results for a tasting that I put on at my law firm last week. We tasted Syrah and Rhone blends. The 01 Integrity beat out the following wines (scores are Wine Advocate): 09 Perrin Chateau de Beaucastel Chateau Neuf du Pape (94); 09 Mas de BoisLauzon Chateau Neuf du Pape Cuvee Du Quet (96); 09 Delas Freres Domaine Destourettes Hermitage (98); 07 Paul Hobbs Syrah Kick Ranch Vineyard (95); 08 Lagier Meredith Syrah Mt Veeder (Napa) (95); 07 Hundred Acres Shiraz (from Barossa Valley but a California high end Cabernet producer) (98). Granted, it was not exactly an apples to apples comparison of vintages and varietals. Still it was fun to see one of Sparky's older vintages hold up well, particularly against some mighty fine wine from other regions.

- John Olson, SBC Global, Canada



My fiancé and I LOVE Mollydooker, The Maitre'd is our favorite wine. We went to the last Mollydooker Atlanta Blend Hand dinner together, and the previous year he was out of town so I went with one of my bridesmaids. Our wedding is May 5th, and even though that's Cinco de Mayo we're doing a bit of a wine theme. THANK YOU!! For the Mollydooker wine labels, they are amazing. The wonderful people at Mollydooker are another reason we're such fans, I really do appreciate your help so much. I actually just thought of another little "Molly story" of ours, pretty early on when we started dating we decided at some point

when we had a nice yard we wanted two dogs. We even picked out breeds and names, one being a black lab named Molly after our favorite wine. :)

That's still the plan to this day!

-Michelle Hoyer, Roswell, GA



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We had an awesome time; it was the highlight of the trip. The tour guide was excellent and the wines sensational.

Thanks again,
Steven Hammill, Mansfield, QLD

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I had the pleasure of meeting Sparky last night and sampling your entire line up. Ordered a couple of cases of each "Love" series. Unfortunately Sarah stayed home as we wanted to see her do "the dance" It was an excellent tasting and I really want to thank Sparky for making the trip. You could see the family values in his personality. I don't think his whirlwind schedule allowed him to see the beauty of Canada and he really should come back and spend some free time here. Tell him to bring Sarah and the kids. I know it's hard to do a multi city dog and pony show so hats off to Sparky. He's a great ambassador and a guy I'd love to party with.....

- *Greg Aubry, Ont, Canada*

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When I was over in Australia visiting my sister, we went to your vineyard. Although you don't have a "cellar door" and we didn't know we needed an appointment, we were graciously welcomed by your staff and were able to purchase a few bottles of your fabulous wine, along with a complimentary bottle given to us! I have loved and appreciated Mollydooker for a few years here in the states since first trying it in Vegas, and always have it for special guests and occasions. It was such a treat to visit where it all began. You were right in the middle of Vintage, so I know it was busy. Next time, we will make an appointment and enjoy it to its fullest. I know from your wonderful staff that you come over to Washington State for wine shows, particularly at Tulalip Casino. Anyway, I was excited to see that I could order your wine over here in the states. Again, let me tell you how much I love your wine and after being able to briefly visit your vineyard in McLaren Vale, it is even more special to me now. My sister even bought a bottle of your Carnival of Love for her husband's 60th birthday this September. We are now proud owners of your tshirts, and I want to express again how gracious your staff was when we showed up unexpectedly. My sister has been over there for 33 years, and we are very close. This was a special connection for both of us. By the way, both my Aussie brother-in-law and my American best friend are "mollydookers"!

Best wishes for continued success - your wine is the best!!!

-*Jill Jackson, Puyallup, WA*

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Just a note to say thanks for recommending shipping my wine two-day (with ice). It is over 80 degrees here today and the wine arrived just fine (about 62 deg.) Two other orders were shipped from California early this week. One I received a notice that delivery has been delayed, and the other one only God seems to know where it is. Somewhere between \$1000 and \$1500 dollars worth of wine is probably going to be ruined. It is mostly my fault as I badly misjudged the weather.

Thanks so much for saving the Mollydooker,
Tony Wagner, WI

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I am writing to THANK YOU SO MUCH for our enjoyable day last Monday. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and your hospitality was so warm and friendly. Obviously, everyone has been totally swept away by how we have all been treated with such an interesting tour, wine tasting and the lovely meal, wine and company afterwards. We felt as though we were among friends - and it obviously comes across in the other testimonials that everyone feels the same. Leigh and Janet have a very special talent for making every visit a special time.

- *Josie Nixon, SA*

Dear Janet,

June and I want to thank you for all the time and effort you and your team spent with our wine group at Mollydooker on 27 March. People in our group talked the rest of the trip about the great visit they experienced at Mollydooker; your wines, tour of your facility and the lunch you provided. Mollydooker has 11 new ambassadors that will spread the word to all their wine-loving friends about your wines and hospitality. We hope to see you sometime in the USA - you are always welcome at Villa del Vino (our home). Thanks again Janet for arranging a great visit.

- *Toby Dunn' - Vista, CA*

Not that it will change much I'm certain but just a quick note to say how much my wife and I enjoy the Boxer. We were more or less off Aussie wines until we tried the Boxer. It's a wine that punches so far above its price point. It's our favourite wine by a long stretch and just wanted to voice a hearty thanks so much.

- *Tom & Stella Campbell, Vancouver, Canada*

Love your company and your wines. Big Fan.

- *Justin Fetridge*

I just wanted to say a big thankyou on behalf of Kylie, Alex, Kirby and myself for the awesome day you created for us on Friday. It was great to spend the day with you and see Mollydooker inside and out as well as share your amazing wine and eat the delicious food you provided. It was hands down the highlight of our trip and won't soon be forgotten. In fact, when asked what we loved the most by people we met whilst visiting over 25 cellar doors in the region over the 4 days, we couldn't help but tell them just how much fun Mollydooker and its wine was. We would have loved to have caught up with you again over the weekend and have a sing, but unfortunately all the wineries and lunches we had booked took it out of us and we were all in bed pretty early! Hope you had a lovely Easter, and managed to get the painting done without having to do too much painting!

-*Daniel Middlemiss, Nottinghill VIC*

Dear Janet,

Helmut and I cannot thank you and Russell enough for the delightful time we had at the winery. What an amazing team you have, wonderful wines that you make, and one can see that both love and knowledge go into each bottle. Russell is an excellent teacher and we learned so much from him. And to see the winery and harvest in action....what a thrill!! We so enjoyed meeting you and look forward to the next time that our paths cross, either in Australia or when you visit South Florida again. The offer stands to sing at our Keys home in Islamorada. Finally we want thank you for including us with your staff for lunch. Helmut loves lamb shank and he continues to tell everyone what a great meal he had at Mollydooker. Maybe Mollydooker should have a restaurant with Alex as chef!! Of course not everyone would be as lucky as we to enjoy a bottle of Velvet Glove! Thank you again for your kindness and hospitality.

Please pass along our regards to Sarah & Sparky.

- *Marlies & Helmut Kraemer, Hollywood FL*

While I am a newcomer to your mailing list, my family has been passionate clients of yours for years (Sara and Alex May, Jim and Sheila Cleary, Nea and Michael Poole). Literally all of our important family gatherings have been enlivened with Mollydooker Wines, and for this we are grateful.

- Ted May, Chapel Hill NC



We arrived at Mollydooker totally unannounced not realizing, after the fact, we should have made an appointment for a tasting and/or tour. The staff was amazingly accommodating. A tour was arranged with Leigh, Sparky's father, after he had a chance to get back from the vineyards. Leigh engaged us with a tour of the vineyards and the philosophy of Mollydooker. We just smiled and laughed all the way. Leigh was so educational, entertaining and generous. We engaged in barrel tasting and had a tutorial on recognizing fruit weight. We tasted some outstanding

wines. Our tongues are now very educated. It was so much more than we would ever have expected. We were so impressed by the open and friendly attitude of the entire 'Dooker staff. Mollydooker was a highlight of our three week Australian tour. It was a real feel good connection. We have joined the MollyClub and are awaiting our introductory shipment.... as are our local wine loving friends. We can't wait to share the magnificent Velvet Glove and/or Carnival of Love accompanied by a heartfelt Mollydooker Shake. I think it will surprise them as it did us. What outstanding wines in a super fun atmosphere!! Life is too short if you can enjoy great wine and be tickled to smile at the same time.....that is Mollydooker.



We are smitten!

-Maggie and Ken Chmiel, Bend OR

Janet,

Words fail me as I try to fully express my thanks to you, Leigh and all of the Mollydooker family we met today during our visit today. Even though it was a public holiday and the eve of your departure to the US, you made time to meet us and host us for lunch and to show us all of the love that you all put into every bottle of wine. From the personal tour, to the most delicious fresh meal we have had in a while, we cannot but thank you! More than ever, you have helped us as we decide on our next move and step in our life and cannot wait to be your neighbor!

-Andre Link, Las Vegas NV

Hello Simone,

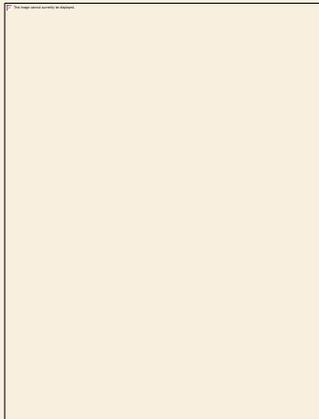
Yes we are now home and looking forward to our MollyClub membership. We just looked at the video we took of Janet singing in the barrel room, what a splendid voice! We are still in awe of the hospitality that Janet extended to our group when we "crashed" your McLaren Vale winery late on Friday afternoon. It proved to be a real highlight of our trip down under, and we look forward to more MollyClub activities now that we are home in California...Cheers, and please pass on our warmest regards and thanks to Janet.

- *Maurice and Jean Heley, Walnut Creek CA*

...I'm so gobsmacked that Dave Gummer managed to get Sparky to come all the way up here (Edmonton, AB, Canada) in March! We bought our tickets yesterday and are so excited to meet him in person. We are still talking about our wonderful trip to your place in November.

Happy harvest.

- *Gwen Stetsko, SA*



I have been drinking the "Two Left Feet" & The Boxer purchased at wine culture Roseville for some time now, and thought it was time to try the rest. I first became interested in Sparky and Sarah's wines after trying Henry's Drive Shiraz and Cab Sav from the 1998 Vintage (Winestate scores meant I had to try them). They might be interested to know that the wines still drink well today from professional storage although I only have a few left.

Looking forward to many more Mollydooker wines,
-*Warwick Liddle, Magenta NSW*

Oh, so sad I won't see you during this quick trip. It would be glorious to be over there right now. Can't believe you think that COL is going to be better this year. That's hard to wrap my head around.

Stay away from the tank,

-*Steve Dworman, Beverley Hills CA*

We had a FABULOUS time visiting your winery and meeting Janet and Leigh. And we very much look forward to further enjoying your wines.

-*Jeff Riley, Walnut Creek CA*

Janet & Sparky,

My wife Diane and I attended the San Diego tasting dinner last October, and I was the lucky winner of the case of wine at the end of the evening. On Valentine's Day, Diane and I shared the Carnival of Love, enjoying it with a seared filet mignon. The wine was incredible! One of the best bottles we've ever had in our lives...but we were sad to reach the bottom of that bottle and then run out of Carnival, but we continued our own carnival of love into the evening. I'll be looking to pick up a few more of those bottles as soon as possible. Thanks for making my Valentine's Day extra special!

Best regards,

Fred Caminite, San Diego CA



Janet,

Got the 2010 carnival of love for valentine's day!!!! Fabulous and because my husband doesn't drink I got the whole bottle ;) I finished it over two days and I will say it was still amazing on day two. When I first had your wine it was a bottle of 2009 enchanted path and I shared it with a co-worker. We both fell in love with that wine and the bottle was amazingly beautiful. We have both talked about carnival of love but neither have splurged to get it. So when I got it for Vday I had to save a small glass worth for Bryan and he was very hesitant at first since it was opened the day before. I

warned him this one hits you in the face first drink but it makes up for it the rest of the time. So I left him in his office with his paper cup and my small token of generosity. He came back in my office nodding his head and says first drink I was going to have to tell you I was disappointed then heaven became clear vision in my mouth! I simply smiled and said I told you! Wonderful wine I really enjoyed it and the bottle is beautiful as always!!!

-Cindy Smith, Las Vegas NV

I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed my tour of the winery this Monday - it was GREAT! Leigh spent 2 hours with me going over the unique way that Sparky and Sarah grow the grapes and make and blend the wines. As a person who's motivated by understanding how things work, it was perfect for me. He did an excellent job of explaining both the philosophy and the processes that you use, and was very patient in answering my myriad questions. And, thanks to Leigh, I now understand the concept of fruit weight. I was a fan of Mollydooker wines before and now even more so. And after I told my wife about the tour, she's very excited about figuring out how we can get to McLaren Vale on vacation! Please pass on my thanks to Leigh, Sparky, Sarah, and the rest of the team for a fantastic tour, and for the wonderful wines that you produce.

All the best,

Rick, Crownsville MD