



BROWN HILL

MARGARET RIVER

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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 2015 EDITION OF BROWN HILL'S NEWSLETTER

The Brown Hill team embraces the festive season with a recipe for Spiced Christmas Muffins, and reveals a local hidden gem – a highly awarded Margaret River Bed & Breakfast.



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FEATURE WINE

2012 BILL BAILEY Shiraz Cabernet

In the Veneto region of North-East Italy, vintners follow an ancient formula in which wine is made from drying grape berries on straw mats. This wine is known as Amarone. With its higher concentration and alcohol, silky Amarone is Italy's most distinctive wine. Brown Hill's Bill Bailey Shiraz Cabernet is grown in this Amarone style. The grapes are picked six weeks later than the others, so the berries are raisin like. The result is a very ripe, full-bodied wine with soft acid.

The Bill Bailey Shiraz Cabernet is named after Nathan's late Uncle Bill, who was born and bred in Kalgoorlie, working there as a mining engineer all his life. The new 2012 vintage is superb. James Halliday awarded it 96 points in his latest Australian Wine Companion, and has this to say about it: "A 50/50 blend matured for 18 months in French oak (30% new). Vibrant red and black cherry are the flavour drivers, along with cassis ex the cabernet; the ripe tannins are precisely balanced to lengthen the finish." Enjoy a glass of this wine with the Spiced Christmas Muffins on page 3.



SINGLE BOTTLE PRICE IS \$60 OR BUY
IN A DOZEN FOR \$55 PER BOTTLE
SAVE \$60 PER DOZEN

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST YET?

We're here to help at Brown Hill, so be inspired by these bright ideas for this festive season.

SIGNATURE TRIO GIFT PACK

with a hand-written card, which includes:

- 2012 BILL BAILEY Shiraz Cabernet
96 POINTS JAMES HALLIDAY
- 2010 PERSEVERANCE Cabernet Merlot
95 POINTS JAMES HALLIDAY
- 2011 GREAT BOULDER Shiraz Cabernet Merlot Malbec
94 POINTS RAY JORDAN

This special three-pack comprises Brown Hill's premium flagship reds and will impress any wine lover in your life.

BROWN HILL FESTIVE DOZEN

with a hand-written card, which includes two bottles each of:

- 2014 LAKEVIEW Sauvignon Blanc Semillon
- 2014 GOLDEN HORSESHOE Reserve Chardonnay
- 2015 DESERT ROSE Light Red (Slightly Sweet)
- 2013 CHAFFERS Shiraz
- 2014 OROYA Reserve Malbec
- 2010 PERSEVERANCE Cabernet Merlot

These wines cover all bases for your festive entertaining and celebrations, from crisp and fresh whites, pink tipples through to serious reds.



HAND PICK A BROWN HILL DOZEN

Choose your own wine adventure from our entire range by making your own dozen and we'll include a handwritten card and free delivery Australia-wide.

BROWN HILL GIFT VOUCHERS

Purchase a Brown Hill electronic gift voucher, ranging in price from \$50 to \$500, so your loved one can make the selection themselves, when it suits them.



GOING AWAY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON?

Brown Hill will deliver your wine to your holiday destination so you don't have to worry about lugging it with you.

To be assured of receiving your wines before Christmas, order before:

- **Thursday 17 December for Western Australia**
- **Sunday 13 December for the rest of Australia**

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JAMES LLEWELLIN'S SPICED CHRISTMAS MUFFINS

JAMES' FAMOUS MUFFINS ARE THE TALK OF THE TOWN, SO WE TWISTED HIS ARM TO PROVIDE THE RECIPE SO WE COULD ALL TRY TO MAKE THEM AT HOME – THIS ONE COMES WITH A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FLAVOUR.

Spiced Christmas Muffins

(Makes 12 small or 6 large)

220g self-raising flour

100g caster sugar

1 egg

1 tsp vanilla essence

½ cup milk

½ cup vegetable oil

1 tbsp natural yogurt

¼ cup glacé cherries, chopped

½ cup small white choc chips

grated zest of 1 orange

¼ cup chopped pecan nuts, extra pecan halves for topping

1 tsp cinnamon powder

Pre-heat oven to 180C fan-forced. In a bowl, combine self-raising flour and caster sugar. In a separate bowl, whisk together egg, vanilla essence, milk, vegetable oil and yogurt. Add cherries, choc chips, orange zest, pecan nuts and cinnamon to yogurt mixture. Mix ingredients together, then spoon mixture into a muffin tin, placing half a pecan on top of each muffin. Cook in pre-heated oven for 25 minutes, until cooked through. Turn out onto a cooling rack.



Llewelin's The Guest House

Llewelin's is owned and operated by James and Joanna Llewelin, who moved to Perth from the UK 13 years ago. After five years in Perth where James owned a hairdressing salon and Joanna worked in real estate, they decided it was time for a tree change. So they headed to Margaret River and established Llewelin's The Guest House - a luxury bed and breakfast. We first met James and Joanna eight years ago when James brought a few guests to sample Brown Hill's wines. (James chauffeurs guests to the hidden gems of the region.)

It's All About The Food

Back home, James was a hairdresser during the day but cooked in his parents' hotel in the South West of England at night. James' passion for food has continued throughout his life, and can now be experienced in every meal he cooks at the guesthouse. Breakfast at Llewelin's includes scrambled egg with fresh homemade Manjimup truffle butter served with triple-smoked crispy bacon, slow-roasted tomatoes and Portabello mushrooms. He loves using fresh local produce.



James & Joanna Llewelin at their highly awarded Margaret River Bed & Breakfast

**- PROSPECTOR'S RANGE -**

The Prospector's Range is your taste of Brown Hill's distinctive Margaret River style in accessible and everyday wines.

**2014 CHARLOTTE**
Sauvignon Blanc

"Margaret River has thrown down the challenge to the Adelaide Hills with wines such as this, with sparkling waves of gooseberry, passionfruit and snow pea, citrusy acidity on the long finish."

★ **94 points, James Halliday,**
Australian Wine Companion 2016

Drink: now-2016

Single Price: \$19 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$17 per bottle	per dozen

**2014 LAKEVIEW**
Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

"The flavours are in a citrus and stone fruit spectrum, but what gives the wine its quality is its remarkably long, crisp and clean finish."

★ **93 points, James Halliday,**
Australian Wine Companion 2016

Drink: now-2016

Single Price: \$19 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$17 per bottle	per dozen

**2013 AUTUMN MIST**
Late Harvest

The late-picked fruit delivers a lush style that works beautifully with a classic fruit and cheese platter or your favourite dessert.

Drink: now

Single Price: \$19 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$17 per bottle	per dozen

**2014 MORNING STAR**
Rosé (Dry)

"Pale, bright crimson-purple; spicy red cherry fruit; good mouthfeel and balance; dry, smooth finish.
VALUE PLUS."

★ **91 points, James Halliday,**
Australian Wine Companion 2016

Drink: now-2016

Single Price: \$19 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$17 per bottle	per dozen

- PROSPECTOR'S RANGE -**2015 DESERT ROSE****NEW RELEASE****Light Red**
(Slightly Sweet)

The Shiraz and Cabernet fruit combine to bring flavours of ripe sweet berry fruit to the palate and a soft acid finish.

Drink: now

Single Price: \$19 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$17 per bottle	per dozen

**2013 CHAFFERS****Shiraz**

"Highly fragrant and perfumed shiraz. Lovely red berry and spices with a savoury twist on the finish."

92 points, Ray Jordan,
The West Australian Guide 2015

Drink: now-2023

Single Price: \$20 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$18 per bottle	per dozen

2014 HANNANS**Cabernet Sauvignon****NEW RELEASE**

Expect the same dark fruit aromas and a spicy, well-balanced palate, with great fruit concentration.
GREAT VALUE!

Drink: now-2024

Single Price: \$20 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$18 per bottle	per dozen

**2013 TRAFALGAR**
Cabernet Merlot

"Earthy blackcurrant and fruitcake richness. The palate is loaded with dark plum and blackcurrant with dusty oak."

91 points, Ray Jordan,
The West Australian Wine Guide 2015

Drink: now-2023

Single Price: \$20 per bottle	SAVE \$24
Dozen Price: \$18 per bottle	per dozen



**- RESERVE RANGE -**

The Reserve Range represents Brown Hill's wines of elegance - they are made with an intention to age but also with the finesse and sophistication to be enjoyed now.

**2014 GOLDEN HORSESHOE
Chardonnay**

"Fresh and vital, the wine has relegated the oak to the backdrop, its citrus and white fleshed stone fruit running through the long, fine finish."



**95 points, James Halliday,
Australian Wine Companion 2016**

Drink: now-2024

Single Price: \$35 per bottle	SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$30 per bottle	per dozen

**2013 FIMISTON
Reserve Shiraz****NEW RELEASE**

"Strong crimson-purple, it has a complex bouquet and medium-bodied palate, with blackberry and a juicy hint of licorice matched by well integrated and balanced oak."



**94 points, James Halliday,
Australian Wine Companion 2016**

Drink: now-2023

Single Price: \$35 per bottle	SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$30 per bottle	per dozen

- RESERVE RANGE -**2012 IVANHOE
Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

"Excellent crimson-purple; maturation in new and one-year-old French barriques for 18 months has certainly left its mark on the wine, but the cassis fruit of the cabernet has stood right up to it here."



**93 points, James Halliday,
Australian Wine Companion 2015**

Drink: now-2022

Single Price: \$35 per bottle	SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$30 per bottle	per dozen

**2014 OROYA
Reserve Malbec**

It's deep, rich purple in colour with bright ruby tones. On the nose, there's an attractive violet, liquorice and ripe plum aroma. The palate is earthy with lashings of mulberry and velvety tannins.

Drink: now-2021

Single Price: \$35 per bottle	SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$30 per bottle	per dozen

**2011 CROESUS
Reserve Merlot**

"Hints of plum and blackberry, silkiness on the palate and an approachability makes this special drop even more appealing."

**91 points, James Halliday,
Australian Wine Companion 2014**

Drink: now-2021

Single Price: \$35 per bottle	SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$30 per bottle	per dozen

REVIEW OUR WINES!

We're a small boutique winery with a down-to-earth approach, so as much as we highly value the feedback from critics and aficionados, we also respect and appreciate the feedback we receive from you, the friends of Brown Hill.

SO OUR QUESTION TO YOU IS - WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR WINES?

Simple as that. Tell us about your experience with Brown Hill wines by heading to our website (www.brownhillestate.com.au) and search the wine you're keen to write about. Click on the link near the golden stars to post your review. We respect your opinion, and so does everyone in the Brown Hill community.

**FREE DELIVERY ON ALL DOZENS
DELIVERED AUSTRALIA WIDE!**

**- SIGNATURE RANGE -**

Brown Hill's Signature wines are our flagship reds that represent the ultimate in winemaking excellence.


**2011 GREAT BOULDER
Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec**

"The combination of four varieties has created a wine of balance and poise, combining regional power with a high degree of complexity and sophistication. A stylish wine."

**94 points, Ray Jordan,
The West Australian Wine Guide 2013**

Drink: now-2021

**Single Price: \$40 per bottle SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$35 per bottle per dozen**


**2010 PERSEVERANCE
Cabernet Merlot**

"Stacks and stacks of sweet, ripe berry fruit laced with fine-grained oak and wrapped with some really fine tannins."

**95 points, James Halliday,
Australian Wine Companion 2014**

Drink: now-2020

**Single Price: \$50 per bottle SAVE \$60
Dozen Price: \$45 per bottle per dozen**

MESSAGE FROM NATHAN, BROWN HILL'S WINEMAKER

We all seem to be relaxed and ready for the festive season after enjoying lovely spring holidays. Our family experienced another great annual holiday together on Rottnest Island. It's such a terrific spot where we can get back to nature with the quokkas and the lack of cars on the island. Gwen and Jim are back from holidays after a couple of weeks on a European cruise. They began their cruise in Venice on *The Constellation*, saw Mount Etna, went to the Isle of Capri, the Blue Grotto in Malta, Split in Croatia and ended up at Ravenna in Italy. And Assistant Winemaker Haydn Millard has just returned from working a vintage in France at Château de la Gardine in Châteauneuf du Pape in the Rhône.

One of the highlights of our year was definitely the wine dinners for friends of Brown Hill. Most recently, we held a brilliant wine degustation dinner at The Studio Bistro in Yallingup in August. Assistant Winemaker Haydn Millard talked guests through our wines, which the chef matched expertly to the dishes, such as Hiramasa Kingfish tartare with confit lemon, shallots, pickled kohlrabi, chives. This dish went beautifully with our Golden Horseshoe Reserve Chardonnay.

We have many exciting developments on the go. One of them is the Brown Hill Tasting Panel, where we ask you to be the experts by sending you our wines to review. Keep an eye out for information about this on Facebook and email.

We wish you a merry and happy Christmas time with your family and friends, and, as always, if you're in the area, we would love to see you, so make sure you drop in for a festive tasting.

All the best,

Nathan Bailey, Winemaker



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